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States

Cherry conviction: A state apneals court Friday refused to vacate the murder conviction of ex-Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry in the deaths of four black girls in a 1963 church bombing in Birmingham.

An attorney for Cherry, who died at a pris-on hospital last month at the age of 74, had asked the Court of Criminal Appeals to va-

cate the conviction under an Alabama law that allows such action if a defendant dies while a conviction is being appealed. The appeals court rejected the motion, say

ing it had already ruled against Cherry's appeal and that the law vacating convictions with the death of a defendant does not apply.

Maryland fires arrest: A security guard accused of burning down homes at the suburban Washington housing development where he worked told investigators he was upset his employer did not show enough sympathy after his infant son died this year. Aaron L. Speed. 21, who worked for Secu-

rity Services of America, told police he left his job from August to October because of SSA's "indifference to the death of his infant son," according to court papers.

When asked by investigators who might

have started the fire, Speed said: "Someone who works at the site and recently experienced a great loss.

Abuser speaks out: Justin Volpe, the former New York City patrolman who shocked the city seven years ago by torturing a prisoner with a broken broomstick, says he feels sorry for Iraqis held at the notorious Abu Ghraib prison.

The musings of Volpe 30-year sentence for attacking Abner Louima inside a Brooklyn police station - are featured in the upcoming issue of GQ magazine. The profile of Volpe is culled from his letters, journals and exchanges with visitors. He's barred from giving interviews.

"I feel for those prisoners at Abu Ghraib Volpe, 32, told his father during a recent prison visit. "They're human beings

Hispanic rights leader steps down: Sitting in a hotel lobby in the Mexican border town of McAllen, Raul Yzaguirre marveled at the urbanization of what was once a somnolent center of cattle ranches and citrus groves

Now, symbols of affluence — golf courses, luxury cars and gated developments - mix with the shantytowns of the newest immigrants



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Operation Linebacker II memorial: Staff Sgt. John Christian Watamaleo of the Andersen Air Force Base Blue Knights Honor Guard on Guam salutes as Airmen 1st Class Kristin Ruleau and Curtis Latham lower the flag to half mast at Arc Light Memorial Park, in honor of the 33 airmen from Andersen who died during Operation Linebacker II from Dec. 18-29, 1972. Andersen's Arc Light Memorial Park stands as a tribute to the men who lost their lives flying B-52 missions during Operation Linebacker II against communist forces in Vietnam.

World

Pinochet appeal delay: A court on Friday postponed until next week a decision on whether to uphold the indictment and house arrest of former dictator Gen. Augusto Pi-

Pinochet was indicted Monday by Judge Juan Guzman for the kidnapping of nine dissidents and the killing of one of them during his 1973-90 regime. Guzman said he was certain the 89-year-old retired general was competent to stand trial.

Defense lawyer Pablo Rodriguez on Friday argued again that Pinochet was unfit for trial because of health problems including mild dementia, diabetes and arthritis.

Yushchenko poisoning: Ukrainian opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko was poisoned by TCDD, the most harmful known form of dioxin, the scientist who conducted tests on the presidential candidate's blood said Friday

Abraham Brouwer, professor of environmental toxicology at the Free University in Amsterdam, said that the dioxin was TCDD. chemically known as tetrachlorodibenzoparadioxin

TCDD is produced inadvertently during manufacturing processes that use chlorine, such as paper and pulp bleaching. It is also produced by incinerators and usually ends up mixed with other dioxins produced by the same nincesses

Gadhafi presidential comments: Libvan leader Moammar Gadhafi says his decision to abandon nuclear weapons helped President Bush get re-elected. In an interview airing Friday on Italy's

RAI TV, Ghadafi said the U.S. presidential election was America's way of rewarding Tripoli for renouncing the nuclear program. Gadhafi renounced the weapons program

last year, a turnaround that ended Libya's international isolation. In turn, the United States lifted most of its commercial sanctions, as did the European Union. The EU also eased an arms embargo.

Stories from wire services



Troops grateful for chance to aid Philippines

Storm-torn country's devastation opens eyes, hearts of those on relief mission

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Strings

INFANTA, Luzon, Philippines

— For the first few days of their
humanitarian mission to the Philippines, Marines at food distribution sites didn't eat.

"We weren't getting any drops upplies because the weather was so bad, so we bought lumpia (Philippine egg rolls) and gave out our [Meals, Ready to Eat]," said Lance Cpl. Dennis K. Lis Jr. with the Combat Assault Battalion at Camp Schwab, Okinawa. "We were trying to help them a little better."

More than 13 million people in the Philippines were affected by storms and a wave of flooding and mudslides three weeks ago that left 1,800 people dead or missing, the Philippine government estimates. Many who lived through it lost their homes, crops and possessions.

The Pentagon sent assistance in the form of more than 600 Marines, sailors and airmen from Okinawa and Japan on a humanitarian mission to fly aid into isolated communities.

The mission moved nearly a half-million pounds of relief supplies within a week and touched many of the servicemembers who participated.

"I can't believe how devastated this place is. It think about how lucky we are to go home and take a shower, to order a BLT and french fries. They're still here and don't even have running water and electricity," said 2nd L. Tim Alvey, site commander and platoon commander of the Transportation Support Battalion in Okinawa. "It does make you feel a little guilty."

The damage is some of the worst he has seen in 14 years with the Marine Corps, previously as an enlisted Marine.

The survivors are facing hunger, formidable reconstruction, sickness and trauma.

"It [was] like ocean waves coming from the mountains. That's how they explained it," said Tess Masauding, a Red Cross volunteer in Infanta, one of the hardest-hit towns.

In a 10-minute span, water filled the home of Jun Obrigal. He had just enough time to rush with his family to the top of a fuel truck to wait out the flood of mud and logs.

Sefa Libranda said she prayed for help during the flooding. A line of dried mud on the walls of her house shows the floodwaters reached nearly to the second floor, far above her head.

Libranda said she was glad when the supplies began to arrive and is happy U.S. forces are helping, although she was nervous when the helicopters and Marines first came.



PHOTOS BY JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

A Marine working at a Philippines distribution site for relief aid shows local children their photo taken on his digital camera. The Marines, sent to the Philippines to provide and transport humanitarian aid, spent time interacting with residents when possible.



Above: En route to a Philippines relief distribution point Thursday, Lance Cpl. Chad Thompson looks out over the damaged landscape. Right: A house is covered almost entirely by mud from the series of massive storms that

44I can't believe how devastated this place is. I think about how lucky we are to go home and take a shower, to order a BLT and french fries. They're still here and don't even have running water and electricity. 97

2nd Lt. Tim Alvey Platoon commander,

Motor Transportation Company, Transportation Support Battalion



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Staff sergeant arrested

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -A 26-vear-old Vokota staff sergeant was arrested early Friday by Fussa City police for allegedly driving under the influence of al cohol after crashing his car into a parked vehicle on nearby Bar Row, a popular entertainment district frequented by U.S. servicemembers.

First Lt. Warren Comer, a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman, confirmed the arrest but did not release the airman's name

"The Fussa Police Department is conducting an investigation right now," Comer said. "We don't know how long he'll remain in custody. We'll have to wait until they make their initial finding and come to us with the information.

A Fussa police spokesman said the incident occurred around 12:20 a.m. Friday. The staff sergeant was arrested after police checked his blood-alcohol level at the crash scene.

The airman sustained a minor injury, the spokesman said, but no one else was hurt.

The police spokesman said his department planned to forward the case to the prosecutor's office on Saturday

Embassy issues warning

TOKYO - The U.S. Embassy's Regional Security Office has is sued a warning about a female caller seeking information on

American employees "The American Embassy has received several reports from U.S. businesses regarding a female who has phoned requesting information on American and/or other expatriate employees. notice read. "The female identified herself as Helen or Helena DECOSTA and stated that she is an employee at the embassy. She further stated that the embassy is sponsoring a Christmas party and requested a list of all American and/or expatriate employees in order to invite them to the party

No such party is being held, embassy officials stated. Another female identified as Julia Matthews has reportedly

called once requesting the same information The embassy has reported the matter to Japanese authorities, who are investigating.

HMH-363 in Iwakuni

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 was to arrive at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Sta-tion, Japan, on Saturday for a six-month deployment as part of the U.S. Marine Corps Unit Deployment Program.

The Red Lions of HMH-363 replace HMH-463, which is heading back to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, the home base of both squadrons.

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Santa's elves will be busy at Yokota

Volunteers to deliver treats to those on duty during holiday

BY VINCE LITTLE Stars and Strines

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -Yokota's squadron commanders and first sergeants are busy laving the groundwork for Operation Project Elf, a 374th Services Division effort to deliver special treats to the men and women who

will be working Christmas Eve. Services officials anticipate filling about 400 bags, which may include toys, candy, gum, mints,

cookies and potato chips. The bags will be collected at the Yuio Recreation Center on Friday and taken to offices around the base

"First sergeants and commanders let us know how many in their command are working Christmas We make sure there is enough for the deserving," said Jan Rush marketing director for the 374th Services Division.

"They'll pick up the bags at the Yujo between 4 and 6 n.m. This troops who have to work that night and distribute the packag-

The services division funds the project, supplemented by contributions from the Yokota commu-

"We still need more donations for this year," Bush said. "Last year, we were lucky and received some fun Nerf toys.

The Elf project is the brain-child of Bob McFall, the interim chief of Yokota's Family Member Programs Flight, who started the program at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., and suggested it for Yokota a vear ago

"It's a special time of the year for giving and remembering," Mc-Fall said

"I feel like this is a small reminder to our base personnel, that their Yokota and Air Force family is thinking about them while they are working and watch-

ing over us on Christmas Eve and tional Weather Squadron are Christmas Day. As of Friday, 18 Yokota squad-

rons had signed up to take part, Bush said Services officials received high marks for the inaugural Opera-

tion Project Elf. "The first sergeants and com manders have been very grateful for this program," Bush added. 'It helps them reward their

"And it's important if you are the operator or security police or desk clerk at lodging who has to

work that day

Or a forecaster with Yokota's 20th Operational Weather Squadron, said Lt. Col. Michael Farrar, the unit's commander.

"Neither the weather, nor real-world operations impacted by weather, are confined to a daytime, business work schedule,' Farrar said.

"As such, weather warriors such as those at the 20th Opera-

working 24/7 in all parts of the globe right through this and every holiday season.

Project Elf is designed to recognize their contributions and sacrifices, and send a little extra Christmas cheer their way as they do their part to protect our security. thankful for dedicated professionals like them, and Project Elf is one more way we can say

To be included in this year's Operation Project Elf, commanders and first sergeants must submit the names of servicemembers slated to work Christmas Eve along with points of contact — by Monday at 5 p.m. Call DSN 225-6955/6966 or fax names and contacts to DSN 225-4444.

Those interested in donating items should contact Nagako Destin, the program's sponsorship coordinator, at DSN 225-3308.

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600 Japanese workers attend commander's call

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Strines

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - Col. Mark Schissler paused Friday to show his appreciation for Yokota's Japanese employees during a commander's call designed to provide basic information and foster familiarity with the hase leadership.

The event, held at the base theater, was split into morning and afternoon sessions. About 600 people turned out for the briefings.

"They don't get many chances to come together as a full group to hear about employee information," said Mieko Morita, a 374th Airlift Wing spokeswoman, "

And even though they work for the squadons, they really don't know very much about the leadership and who the commanders are."

Schissler, the 374th Airlift Wing commander who conducts regular calls for Yokota's active-duty servicemembers, launched the Japa-

nese version a year ago to strengthen the bond maintenance; and Col. Mark Presson, medical shared by the two nations.

On Friday, he also presented various Pacif-Air Forces and Defense Department awards to a handful of Japanese employees.

"After I got here, I looked at the command and mission groups and realized there was no effort in place to show the Japanese employees how important they are to our mission, Schissler said.

"I think it's crucial for them to know who the commanders are. We bring them together for the same reasons we do the regular commander's calls.

"It was very well-received last year. This is just a step better. We wanted to provide a useful hour for them — show them some helpful information and recognize a few individuals for their important contributions to the base."

The wing's four group commanders - Col. Carlton Everhart, operations; Col. William Story, mission support; Col. Michael Dillard,

- each got an opportunity to address the Japanese employees Representatives from the personnel and

contracting offices discussed job-related issues such as worker's compensation, sick leave, overtime and medical contacts.

The gathering also heard from the Japan Welfare Association, which provides various services and operates the restaurant, barbershop and mini-mall in Building 994 near Yokota's Supply Gate.

The base employs about 2 000 Jananese nationals. Schissler praised their contributions to the Yokota mission.

"We cannot do the mission of the base without them," he said, "They fill key leadership, management and labor positions

make our daily operations possible Schissler said base officials would be offering tours of Yokota to Japanese employees in the near future.

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National Guard: \$20B needed for equipment

BY BRADLEY GRAHAM The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Worn down by the war in Iraq and security de mands in the United States, the National Guard announced Thursday that it needs \$20 billion in new weap ons and equipment over the next three years to continue to meet all its overseas and homeland commitments

Without the money to "reset" itself, Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, the head of the Guard, warned that the reserve force "will be broken and not ready the next time it's needed, either at home or for war '

His remarks to reporters came as the Bush administration is preparing to submit an emergency spending plan totaling more than \$80 billion to cover war costs and remedy equipment shortages throughout the military. Guard officials have asked that \$7 billion of the supplemental be earmarked for their troops, and they intend to seek an additional \$13 billion in later budget requests.

By speaking out now about the Guard's needs. Blum said he was trying to "put a marker against the supplemental" and other subsequent budget submissions "and make it stick." He said the Army's active-duty leadership had been sympathetic to the Guard's plans, so his message appeared directed beyond the Pentagon at the White House and Congress where final authority over funding rests.

"This has got to be addressed now he said of the Guard's weakened condition. "The need for this money can't fall through the cracks and be an afterthought."

The \$20 billion request represents a huge increase over the \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion a year in new equipment that the Guard has received in recent years. Blum said the funds would go toward a wide range of purchases, including air-

craft, vehicles, radios and weapons About 42,000 Army Guard are currently serving in Iraq or Kuwait.

Army Guard triples bonuses for soldiers who re-enlist

Stars and Strines

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Army National Guard has tripled re-enlistment bonuses and increased new enlistment bonuses by 67 percent in an effort to boost its ranks, Pentagon officials announced late last week

At a press conference on Thursday, Lt. Gen H Steven Blum said the Army Guard has fallen short of recruiting over the past two months, largely blamed on troubles in Iraq. Officials hope the bonus increases will entice more new recruits and retain more of the Guard's 360,000 current members.

The Guard has had a particularly difficult time recruiting active-duty soldiers into its ranks. Stripes reported last month that just more than half of the 7,000 active-duty soldiers that the Guard sought to transition into its ranks did so in fiscal 2004.

As of Dec. 14, bonuses jumped from \$5,000 to \$15,000 for current servicemembers who re-enlist for six years. For those who are currently serving abroad, that money will be tax-free.

from \$6,000 to \$10,000.

Mark Allen, spokesman for the Guard, said the new figures bring the bonuses more in line with those offered by the Army, which is especially important for Guard members serving ahrnad

"What do you say to a guy who is serving in Iraq and is seeing an active-duty guy earning more in bonuses than he is?" Allen asked.

"We haven't changed these for many years. This will give more equity to our people there.' Bonuses for Army recruits and re-enlistees

depend on individuals' rank specialties and length of service. Allen said the Guard's bonus structure will apply to everyone who joins. National Guard officials have said they ex-

pect the total number of reservists and guardsmen on active duty in the war on terrorism to remain above 100,000 for the next two years

Department of Defense officials estimate Army Reserve soldiers make up about 40 percent of the 148,000 troops in Iraq.

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Stateside housing allowances to rise in 200

ances for 910,000 servicemembers living States will climb by an average of 8 percent effective Jan. 1, say Defense Department officials

The rise in individual rates, however, will vary significantly, from no change for some grades in some areas to as much as 20 percent to percent for military renters in

high-cost areas such as Hawaii Revised BAH rates have no direct impact on servicemembers living off base overseas. They get an Overseas Housing Allowance which is adjusted in the spring and fall each year to reflect changes in

peers and changes in the dollar's

value relative to local currency.
The 2005 Basic Allowance for Housing rates not only will keep pace with an average 4.4 percent rise in rental costs nationwide over last year but also are high enough to close a remaining 3.5 percent gap between 2004 BAH and medi-

an rental expenses nationwide.

BAH recipients will enjoy a fifth and final "above-inflation" annual adjustment that since the year 2000 has eliminated a 22 percent disparity between stateside allowances and rental costs reported in

housing surveys. With the new rates, said Tim Fowlkes, director of BAH for the

lipdat

Tom Philpott

Defense Department, out-of-pocket costs for stateside renters will fall to zero, assuming they rent at the local median cost for the type of housing deemed appropriate to their pay grade.

The chart shows 2005 rates for U.S. locations with large populations of servicemembers. Rates for all areas can be found online at:

https://secureapp2.hqda

pentagon.mil/perdiem/bah.html BAH rates are set so that servicemembers of equal rank and with the same dependency status have equal purchasing power to rent housing, regardless of where they are assigned. The tax-free allow ance is to cover not only median rental costs locally but average utility expenses and renter's insur-

ance Total BAH payments in 2005 will reach \$12.3 billion, up \$2.5 billion, or 25 percent, from 2004. An additional 90,000 members will qualify. Some of that growth, Fowlkes said, results from mobilized Reserve and National Guard members who are eligible to draw

typically is based on where their families reside while they are de-

ployed.

Also, he said, thousands more active duty families are eligible for BAH this year due to housing privatization, a program to move families out of aging military units

and into new or renovated private sector housing.
Stateside, BAH is paid both to military homeowners and renters but the allowance is based on rent-

al costs alone.

For a complete list of BAH rates and more on the topic, go to www.stripes.com.

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Brokerage firm to reimburse customers

Settlement calls for \$4M to be paid to affected First Command clients

BY LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - The National Association of Securities Dealers said Friday it will help eligible servicemembers and their families get refunds if they were misled by a brokerage firm that deals extensively with the U.S. military.

iter month

First Command Financial Planning, which caters almost exclusively to military personnel. agreed this week to pay a \$12 million fine to settle accusations that it misled customers about their investment fees and returns.

First Command will refund about \$4 million to some custom. ers who bought mutual funds

from the firm between 1999 and this year, in a settlement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the NASD, the brokerage industry's self-policing organization

NASD will help with the refund process (see box).

The remaining \$8 million of the fine will go into a military education fund run by NASD, according to the association's head of en forcement, Barry Goldsmith.

First Command's customer base includes over 297,000 current and former military families. According to SEC estimates, about 40 percent of the current active-duty general officers, about one-third of the commissioned officers, and about 16 percent of noncommissioned officers are customers of First Command. The majority of its sales agents are retired military officers

The company employs about 1,000 sales agents - mostly retired military officers — in some 200 branch offices near military bases in the United States and sev eral foreign countries, including Japan and Guam.

A statement from the company noted that the settlement did not involve any of the firm's life insurance policies or banking services. and only involved how investment plans were sold, not concerns over the mutual funds themselves. They neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing as part of the settlement

Before the settlement, First Command had announced it would stop offering its systematic investment plans, the focus of the investigation. In addition to the fine the firm also will have all of its advertising preapproved by an independent consultant for two

Goldsmith said sales agents for the broker dealer misled customers by saying their high up-front costs of the funds - in some cases 50 percent of the money being invested - encouraged clients to stay in the plan, because by withdrawing, clients faced large losses early that would diminish over time. Company data showed otherwise.

Agents also said the systematic investments had lower long-term costs than other mutual funds. Goldsmith said in many cases the opposite is true, and clients didn't fully understand the fees associated with First command's plans

'We found it very troublesome that the people who were sold these plans had a lot on their minds and were not given all the appropriate information." he said. And the median age of their in-

Seeking restitution

Servicemembers and families who feel they may be entitled to a refund as part of this settlement are urged to go to www.nasd.com beginning Saturday morning

"There will be a First Command investor restitution page on the Web site," according to National Association of Securities Dealers spokeswoman Sarah Bohn. "It will clearly state who is eligible, what you should do, when restitution will be available, and what op-tions will be made available to investors who are not eligi-

Wavne M. Secore, a lawyer with Secore and Waller, Llp., a Dallas-based law firm, will administer the restitution pro-

Anyone who is having problems with the Web site can call him at (972) 776-0200.

The NASD Foundation will also be developing plans to educate investors, as part of the settlement, but plans have not been finalized for how that will work, Bohn said

- Patrick J Dickson

vestors was 25, which meant [First Command agents] were dealing with people without much investing background."
The investigation also resulted

in a \$25,000 fine and a 30-day suspension for First Command dis-trict supervisor James Provo, based in Charleston, S.C., who responded to an Air Force officer's e-mail complaint about the company by telling the officer that he could lose a permanent change of station assignment and informing his squadron commander that the company might file a grievance against the officer.

Payouts will be available only to First Command clients who purchased and ended their investment plans within the last six years. Goldsmith said customers with active plans can try to recoup their losses through arbitration and in light of the settlement he expects many clients to do so.

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DOD seeks to restart anthrax vaccine program

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon is seeking emergency authority to resume administering the anthrax vaccine, saying troops in South Korea and the Middle East are at risk

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz made the request in a Dec. 10 letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson. The No. 2 official at the Pentagon cited "a significant potential for a military emergency involving a heightened risk to United States military forces of attack with anthrax.

Wolfowitz did not describe any specific threat, but pointed to a classified intelligence assessment from last month regarding anthrax. He did not detail the assessment.

HHS is considering the request, a department spokesman said.

Anthrax vaccinations by the military have been suspended since late October, when a federal judge ordered the military to stop requiring personnel to take the vaccine. The judge, responding to a lawsuit by six members of the armed forces, found fault in the Food and Drug Administration's process for approving the drug.

From The Associated Press



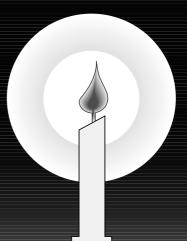
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IN THE WORLD

U.S., Japan sign missile defense memo

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI The Associated Press

TOKYO - Japan and the United States on Friday agreed to boost cooperation in their missile defense programs — an important first step in carrying out new defense guidelines that ease To-

kyo's strict postwar pacifism. Japan's Defense Chief Yoshinori Ono and U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard Baker penned a memorandum of understanding that allows the two nations to share information on ballistic missile defense systems and cooperate in related projects, a Defense Agency spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

"After joint research, we will move on to joint production," Ono said at a news conference. "This is the demand of the times."

Under the agreement, the allies will set up a high-level committee to supervise the missile defense alliance, the agency said in a statement. It didn't give further de-

Last week, Japan approved new defense guidelines that in-



Japan's Defense Agency Director General Yoshinori Ono, left, and U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard Baker shake hands Friday during the signing of the Mutual Memorandum of Understanding on Ballistic Missile Defense at the Defense Agency in Tokyo.

clude the relaxation of an arms-export ban to facilitate a missile security program it's currently researching with Washing-

"I'm convinced that the missile

defense research and develop ment ... will result in the strength ening of peace and stability, Baker said, "This is the founda tion of growth and prosperity for both of our nations

the ties between Japan and the United States will be further strengthened by the signing of the memorandum.

Japan has maintained the arms-export ban since 1976 in deference to its pacifist constitution, unchanged since it was written by U.S. occupation forces after World War II. The constitution renounces war and the use of force in settling international dis-

However, Japan approved a plan to introduce a ballistic missile defense system in December 2003, spurred by missile tests from North Korea.

In the new defense guidelines the government identified North Korea's nuclear weapons ambitions and China's modernization of its huge military as key threats to Japan.

The new guidelines also came amid Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's efforts in pushing a more high-profile role for Japan's military and closer cooperation with Washington, which maintains 50,000 troops in Japan under a security treaty.



BY KENJI HALL The Associated Press

IBUSUKI, Japan - Japan will delay imposing economic sanc-tions on North Korea to give the communist state more time to explain the fate of Japanese nationals abducted by Pyongyang decades ago, Prime Minister Ju-nichiro Koizumi said, in a move that appears to ease a recent escalation in tensions between the two

Tokyo wants to give the communist state more time to explain the



sponds to demands for truth

Once have that, we would then consider what sort of sanctions to impose," Koizumi said at a news conference after talks with South Ko-

rean President Roh Moo-hyun. Tokyo and Seoul have pursued independent contacts with North Korea, in addition to participating in three rounds of six-nation talks also involving the United States, China and Russia. The talks have produced no breakthroughs and have divided Japan and South Korea in their dealings

with the North Knizumi has faced growing pressure from the Japanese public to get tough with Pyongyang. South Korea opposes punishing the North for fear it might set back multilateral negotiations to end the standoff over Pvongy-

ang's nuclear weapons programs. After a two-hour meeting at the hot spring resort of Ibusuki in southern Japan, Koizumi and Roh agreed to urge North Korea to resume six-nation talks "as soon as possible."

North Korea has returned five of 13 Japanese citizens it admitted abducting in the 1970s and '80s. It said the eight others are dead, but Japan suspects they may be alive, especially because the North has failed to turn over



pictures in front of a massive billboard showing photos of Iraqi prisoners being abused by American soldiers in front of the U.S. Interest Section in Havana, Cuba, on Friday

Tourists take

The trimmings included a Santa Claus.

candy canes and white lights wrapped around

palm trees — and a sign reading "75," a reference to 75 Cuban dissidents jailed last year.

Cuba had warned the U.S. mission to re-

move the decorations or face unspecified con-

sequences. Cason earlier in the week de

clared the decorations would remain up until

after the holidays — a decision reiterated by

Smaller billboards with photographs of the

prisoner abuse were placed in less-conspicu-ous places, including the neighboring "Anti-Imperialist Plaza" built five years ago

during a custody battle over the Cuban boy

Cuba counters U.S. decor with Abu Ghraib billboard

By Vanessa Arrington The Associated Press

HAVANA - Cuba's threat to take action after the U.S. diplomatic mission's refusal to remove Christmas decorations materialized Friday in the form of a huge billboard in front of the U.S. Interest Section mocking the Unit-

Color images of Iraqi prisoners being abused by American soldiers lined the billboard, which was emblazoned with a red swastika and the word "fascists" covered with a "Made in the U.S.A." stamp.

An American diplomat in Hayana speaking

on condition of anonymity said the torture of prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq has een reported and discussed openly, and that those responsible are being prosecuted.

On the other hand, the Cuhan government does not allow a single word of dissent in its media, jails those who dare espouse different ideas and has not allowed [anyone] to visit Cuban political prisoners since the late 1980s," the official said.

The U.S. Interest Section, headed by chief James Cason, ignored a demand last week to remove Christmas decorations that included a reference to dissidents jailed by Fidel Cas-

tro's government.

four inmates, once suspected of belonging to the al-Oaida terror organization

Elian Gonzalez

the interest section on Friday.

Explosions ripped through the area around the Pul-e Charkhi jail as troops launched the assault just before nightfall. Soon after, soldiers reported the last hold-outs in the prison were killed, bringing the death toll to four inmates and four guards

The standoff began in the morning when four inmates, three Pakistanis and an Iragi, overpowered and killed a guard. then used his weapon to kill three guards.

their remains. Princess Savako engaged

TOKYO - Princess Savako of Japan. 35, the only daughter of Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, will formally anounce her engagement to a 39-year-old urban planner this weekend, according to the Imperial Household Agency.

Sayako, the youngest offspring of the reigning emperor, is the last of his three children to marry

From The Associated Press

North Koreans seek refuge

BEIJING - Seven people claiming to be North Koreans climbed over a barbed-wire fence into the Japanese school in Beijing on Friday seeking passage to South Korea.

They carried a sign that read in English: "We are North Koreans. We want to go to South Korea. Please help us," a Japanese Embassy official said on condition of anonymity

China is obliged by treaty to send North Koreans home but hasn't done so in asylum bids that have become public, instead allowing them to go to South Korea via a third country

Afghan troops storm prison

KABUL, Afghanistan - Afghan troops stormed a notorious prison Friday in an as-sault that commanders said ended a standoff sparked by a bloody escape attempt by

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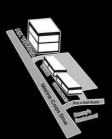


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The town of Infanta, one of the distribution points for U.S. Marines delivering aid in the Philippines, became a muddy swamp after massive storms and mud slides.

441 saw people throwing mud out of their homes. It's pretty amazing. You look out over the hills and just see brown spots. 17

> 1st Lt. Ben Taggart Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262



Above: The mud is everywhere — on people, homes and possessions. Right: From the vantage of a helicopter Thursday, footprints in the knnee-deep mud show the activity since storms and mudslides devastated the Philippine countryside.



Aid: Marines put training to real-world test

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Marine and Air Force helicopters operated out of the former U.S. Clark Air Base, transporting supplies to be distributed by Philippine agencies. Without the aircraft, supplies could only trickle in on foot.

"I'm glad the U.S. has helped us with heavy lifting," said Philippine Sen. Richard J. Gordon, who also chairs the country's Red Cross. "The supplies are coming in a lot faster."

During continuous trips ferrying supplies, pilots and flight crews had a unique view of the damage.

"I saw people throwing mud out of their homes. It's pretty amazing," said 1st Lt. Ben Taggart, a pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262. "You look out over the hills and just see brown spots."

The coastline is littered with logs, most illegally cut and responsible for many deaths, according to the Philippine government.

Near the delivery sites, people wade through thick mud, past destroyed homes and buried furniture and vehicles. People wash muddy possessions by the roadside

Many Marines said they were happy to help after seeing the devastation, and pleased by the experience they gained.

"Training is fun, but it's nice to actually go out and do a realworld operation," said Lance Cpl. Brett Armstrong, with the 3rd Marine Division Combat Assault Battalion from Camp Schwab, who is part of the perimeter security at the distribution sites. "I'd be happy to keep doing these [mis-

He said he wouldn't mind if the mission lasted through the holidays. "It would be nice to stay here helping out."

Lis, who also conducted site security, said the noncombat, real-world experience is making him a better Marine — a thought echoed by Joint Task Force 535 commander Brig. Gen. Kenneth

Even those who didn't visit the aid distribution sites understand the importance of their mission.

Loading pallets for the helicopters, Pfc. Chris Sizemore, with Landing Support Company of the 3rd Transportation Support Battalion based at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, is doing his usual job. But now, bags of life-saving food replace the usual loads.

"We usually just get to do Marine Corps gear. It feels good to help people," he said. "It lets people see we're different than what they think."





PHOTOS BY JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

A woman and a young girl wash clothes in the muddy water Thursday where a house was destroyed; only its front step remains.



PHOTOS BY JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

Marines from the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade help load a CH-53E helicopter early Monday morning at Clark Air Base for disaster relief in the Philippines.

Aid: Mission hits close to home for some

More photos at www.stripes.com

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For the servicemembers of Filipino descent, the mission has particular importance.

"Just to be back in the Philippines, to be able to help people—I'm glad to be able to speak Tagalog again," said Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Miguel Cothern. who was born in San

Diego and grew up in the Philippines.

"Originally I am Filipino. So it is my privilege to be back again and to help these people," said Navy Chaplain Lt. Cerino O. Bargola, who held a Catholic Mass for townspeople who lost their priest and church. "I cannot forget this."

After moving thousands of pounds more supplies than their mission target, U.S. personnel

wrapped up with a celebration Thursday. They were to return to Okinawa and Japan in the coming days. Many say they leave knowing they helped save lives, despite arduous hours

of work.
"It's for a good reason," Sizemore said. "So it doesn't really bother us."

Go to www.stripes.com/04/dec04/relief to view more photos of the Philippines relief mission.
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Master Sgt. Chaz Stiefken from the 33rd Rescue Squadron crams into his HH-60G helicopter to deliver supplies Monday to Philippine relief centers.

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Church conductor opens fire, kills self

BY LAURA WIDES The Associated Press

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. The longtime conductor of the Crystal Cathedral's orchestra shot himself to death Friday at the southern California landmark church after a nine-hour standoff that began when he opened fire as congregants prepared for a Christmas pageant.

Johnnie Carl. 57, had barricad-

ed himself in a bathroom and shot himself early Friday morning as police officers tried to talk to him. Carl, who also had made records with Celine Dion, the London Symphony and others, had grappled with depression, authorities said.

He had fired about four shots in his office, and it did not appear he was trying to hit anybody, police said. Children in a day care center were rushed to safety. No one else was injured in the incident

The cathedral, a huge, sprawling structure of glass and steel not far from Disneyland, is home to the Rev. Robert Schuller's international Crystal Cathedral Ministries and claims a con gregation of more than 10.000

from the market.

increased risk

Pfizer finds Celebrex a heart risk

NEW YORK - Pfizer Inc. said it has found an increased risk of

Pfizer announced Friday that it found the increased risk in one of two long-term cancer prevention trials, while the other trial showed no

The National Cancer Institute, which was conducting the study for

Pfizer, suspended the use of Celebrex after discovering that patients

taking 400mg to 800mg of the drug daily had a 2.5 times greater risk of

experiencing major heart problems than those who were not. A sepa-

rate cancer study found no increased heart risk with patients taking

Pfizer was conducting the trials as part of an effort to find a new ap-

heart attacks with patients taking its top-selling painkiller Celebrex, a

drug that is in the same class as Vioxx, but has no plans to remove it

members. The internationally televised "Hour of Power" is broadcast from there.

The first shots were fired Thursday afternoon, less than two hours before the scheduled start of the cathedral's annual "Glory of Christmas" holiday show, for which Carl had arranged the prerecorded music. The two Thursday shows were

The 78-year-old Schuller, who was at home when the shooting happened, taped a message for Carl, who had been conductor for 29 years. But police did not have a chance to play it or another message from Carl's wife. They did play one from a friend who had helped Carl in the past, police

In statement, Schuller friend as "a creative hailed his friend as genius whose beautiful arrangements and superb conducting set new levels of excellence for sacred music. His music brought joy to the millions of viewers around the world who watch the Crystal Cathedral's 'Hour of Power' television program each week."

Carl is survived by his wife, Linda, and three children.

More details of World Trade Center memorial unveiled

By Karen Matthews The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The memorial honoring World Trade Center victims will include a forest of oak trees with a clearing for Sept. 11 gatherings and a Memorial Hall between the twin reflecting pools that will mark the footprints of the lost towers, officials announced Thursday.

Among the new elements of the site released Thursday were the Memorial Hall, a 1.5-acre clearing at ground level for public gatherings, and the exposed stumps of columns that supported the twin towers.

John Whitehead, chairman of the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., the agency overseeing rebuilding, called Memorial Hall a new public space where visitors will be able to "review a directory of the names, locating their loved ones among the souls that are there."

New York Gov. George Pataki, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, victims' family members and designers of the site also attended a news conference a few blocks from the trade center site to release details of the memorial de-

"We have to have a memorial that really allows us to connect the sheer enormity of the twin towers to the individuals that were taken from us," Bloomberg said, "and I guess to the higher powers in whose hands we really place our fragile lives every

Michael Arad's design, "Re-flecting Absence," was chosen earlier this year out of more than 5,000 submissions from around the world.

In keeping with architect Daniel Libeskind's overall site plan, there will be access to the stumps of columns that held up the twin towers and to the slurry wall that prevented the Hudson



Architects Michael Arad, left, Peter Walker, center, and Max Bond discuss their design for a memorial at the World Trade Center site Thursday in New York.

River from flooding the site.

"These cut-off columns, this foundation slab, this slurry wall, all together form part of the literal story of survival of that day." Arad said. "These are artifacts that one can touch, and sense the past through them, and register the brutality of these events.'

As they go forward in executing their design, the architects will have to solve contentious issues, including how to list the names of the nearly 3.000 victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack.





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More people may get access to flu vaccine

BY CHARLES PILLER Los Angeles Times

Federal health authorities are considering broadening the range of people who can receive a flu shot because of an unexpected quantity of unused vaccine.

The stocks exist because only about one-third of those who were encouraged to get a shot a high-risk group that includes

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will meet Friday to consider providing the shots to more people

Much of the U.S. flu vaccine supply was lost when contamination was discovered in August at the Chiron Corp. production plant in Liverpool, England.

lines encourage children ages 6 months to 23 months to receive the shot, as well as adults ages 50 or higher - compared to the CDC standard of 65 and above

Any healthy individual between age 2 and 49 can obtain a flu vaccine nasal spray, available through major pharmacy chains. Projected supplies would permit 65 million people to be vacci-





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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush is considering asking Congress to freeze domes tic spending next year or cut it slightly, even as he prods lawmakers to allow younger work-ers to divert some of their Social Security taxes into person-

al investment accounts. The two plans, which prom-ise to be dominant issues next year, share a common thread: massive federal deficits that have set consecutive records. peaking at \$413 billion last year. The shortfalls have prompted Bush to seek savings from non-defense, non-do mestic security programs, and have limited his options for shoring up Social Security for

the looming retirement of baby boomers.
"This is an issue on which I campaigned and I'm still stand-Bush said of revamping Social Security at a White House economic conference. words he hoped would prompt loathe to meddle with the giant

retirement system. Bush wants to let younger workers take part of the Social Security taxes they now pay and invest the money in pri vate accounts. Democrats say the proposal would enrich Wall Street bankers while further weakening the solvency of Social Security.

In 2018, Social Security will start paying out more in benefits than it collects in payroll taxes. In 2042, the system will be able to cover 73 percent of promised benefits, according to Social Security's truste

Bush said the country can't afford to wait any longer to fix

the problem.
"The crisis is now," the president told the economic forum. On the spending side, Bush is moving toward holding programs Congress must approve annually — except domestic se-curity and defense — to the same \$388 billion they received this year, say congres sional aides and lobbyists speaking on condition of anonymity. The part of the budget

he would restrict also excludes

automatically made payments

like Medicare and interest on

the federal debt The president has yet to make final decisions on the \$2.5 trillion budget he will send Congress in February, administration officials say. Even so, he and his aides have made it clear that domestic

programs will be squeezed.
"I look forward to working with Congress on fiscal restraint," the president said.
"And it's not going to be easy."
House and Senate aides,

speaking on condition of ano-nymity, said the White House was considering cutting such programs as housing, grants for community development, purchases of new equipment for the Federal Aviation Administration, and Army Corps of Engineers water projects.



President Bush shakes hands with House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., after signing the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 during a ceremony in Washington on Friday, Rush signed into law the largest overhaul of U.S. intelligence gathering in 50 years. Standing on stage with Bush are, from left to right, Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.; Chairman of the 9/11 Commission Thomas Kean: Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine; National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice; and Rep. Jane Harman,

President signs intelligence bill

BY NEDRA PICKLER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Friday signed into law the largest overhaul of U.S. intelligence gathering in 50 years, hoping to improve the spy network that failed to pre vent the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.
"Our vast intelligence enterprise will be-

come more unified, coordinated and effective,' Bush said. "It will enable us to better do our duty, which is to protect the American people.

The 563-page bill, which endured a thorny path to congressional passage, also aims to tighten borders and aviation security. It creates a federal counterterrorism center and a new intelligence director, but Bush did not announce a candidate for that post at Friday's

"A key lesson of Sept. 11 is that America's

single, unified enterprise," Bush said.

The Sept. 11 Commission, in its July report, said disharmony among the intelligence agen cies contributed to the inability of government officials to prevent the attacks. The government failed to recognize the danger posed by al-Qaida and was ill-prepared to respond to the terrorist threat, the report concluded.

Bush was joined at the signing ceremony by CIA Director Porter Goss, FBI Director Rob-ert Mueller, members of Congress, leaders of the Sept. 11 commission and relatives of people killed on that terrorist attack

The new position of national intelligence director was one of the bill's most controversial aspects. Although the legislation gives the new director strong budget authority, its language is complex enough that there could be continued debate over the exact extent of the director's power. But Bush attempted to leave no doubt about the sweeping nature of the intelligence director's budgetary authority.

Some names that have been mentioned for the post include CIA Director Porter Goss; Lt. Gen. Michael Hayden, the head of the National Security Agency; Deputy Secretary of State Ri-chard Armitage; and White House homeland se-curity adviser Fran Townsend.

Commission members and families of attack victims lobbied persistently for the legislation through the summer political conven-tions, the election and a postelection lame duck session of Congress. The bill was threatened over disagreements between the White House and key House Republicans about immigration issues and how the new national intelligence director would work with the nation's military.

Bush prone to bold gambles and uphill fights

BY TOM RAUM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush's opponents call him lots of names but they don't call him timid. When it comes to taking risks, Bush has few peers.

His second-term agenda is fraught with politically troublesome priorities, if not for Bush personally then for Republicans on the ballot in 2006 and 2008.

Bush's first term was marked by big gambles: waging war in Iraq without broad international

support; muscling through Con-

gress a far-reaching education bill; three major tax cuts; a \$400-billion Medicare prescription drug benefit. His new agenda is even riskier:

rewriting the tax laws: making first-term tax cuts permanent; overhauling Social Security; limiting lawsuit awards; easing immigration laws

The president continues to push for January elections in Iraq and for spreading democracy through the rest of the Middle

Bush wants manned flights to the Moon and Mars. He is forging ahead on a problem-plagued national missile defense for shooting down incoming ballistic mis-

"Bush ran for president on a platform of getting things done. And it appears that he plans on fulfilling that in a second term, GOP consultant Scott Reed said.

Is the president overreaching? The shores of the Potomac are littered with the bones of Republicans and Democrats who have underestimated George W. Bush. Reed said

Bush is "a big risk taker who throws long passes and takes on things with low probability of success," said Bruce Buchanan, a University of Texas political scientist and ardent Bush watcher.

As Texas governor, Bush "had a propensity to set clear goals and pursue them doggedly. He still does that, but in a much bolder " Buchanan said

Bush won the 2000 election by the narrowest of margins, but acted as if he had a mandate. Many close Bush observers and the president himself — say the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, focused him and made him a more decisive leader

And a more defiant one, critics

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Survey: FDA drug checks worry agency's scientists

By PAIII. RECER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - About two-thirds of Food and Drug Administration scientists are less than fully confident in the agency's monitoring of the safety of prescription drugs now being sold, according to an FDA internal survey.

Also, more than one-third of those scientists have some doubts about the process for approving new drugs, the survey found

The survey was conducted by the Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General. Complete results were released to the public only after an advocacy group filed a Freedom of Information Act request. The release comes in the wake of safety concerns forcing removal from the market of Vioxx, an arthritis drug, and congressional testimony by an FDA scientist, Dr. David Graham, that the agency mishandled safety concerns about five other drugs.

"By all appearances, FDA would rather be sorry than safe," said Rebecca Roose, director of the Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, which obtained the survey through the FOIA request. "These results show that many of Dr. Gra-ham's colleagues share his concerns, but that those warnings are falling on deaf ears."

An agency spokesman, Brad Stone, said the survey was commissioned in 2001 and was 2 years old. He said the survey confirmed that FDA medical reviewers believe the drug decisions "appropriately assess the safety and effectiveness of drugs and the process allows for open in-depth scientific debate.

Stone said that "as with any institution" there may be individuals who may "ultimately disagree with a consensus scientific judgment for a variety of rea-

"Nevertheless FDA is required to base its decisions on the best available, verifiable science," Stone said a statement

The survey sought the opinion of about 400 FDA scientists about the process of evaluating and approving prescription drugs. A majority of the scientists said they were "completely confident" or "mostly confident" about the FDA's decisions about the safety and efficacy of drugs approved for sale. But 31 per-cent were only "somewhat confident" and five per-

cent had no confidence in the safety decisions About 66 percent of the experts surveyed said they vere not at all confident or only somewhat confident that the FDA adequately monitors the safety of prescription drugs once they are on the market.

"The survey raises significant issues about drug safety and ongoing monitoring of adverse health imof drugs in the marketplace," said Kathleen Rest, executive director of the Union of Concerned Scientists, a group that posted the full survey on its

Vioxx was nulled from the market on Sent. 30 by its manufacturer, Merck & Co., after a study indicat-ed the popular pain reliever doubled the risk of heart attacks and stroke when taken for longer than 18 months

The survey also asked the scientists if they had ever been pressured to approve a drug even though they had reservations about its safety, efficacy or quality.

Of 360 responses, 297, or 82 percent, of the scientists said they did not feel they had been pressured. Sixty-three, or 18 percent, said they did come under

NRC: New firearms research needed

WASHINGTON - A new analysis of efforts to control violence by restricting guns says there is not enough evidence to reach valid concluout their effectiveness

The National Research Council said Thursday that a major research program on firearms is needed.

Among the major questions needing answers are whether there should be restrictions on who may possess firearms, on the number or types of guns that can be purchased, and whether safety locks should be required, said Wellford, professor of criminal justice at the University of Maryland.

Mock evacuation does not go 'well'

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - A mock evacuation of Brattleboro schools intended to simulate what would happen during a disaster at the near-by Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant, went "not that well," in the words of the superintendent.

Too few school buses from New Hampshire arrived Thursday at Brattleboro Union High School to carry the number of students who would have had to been taken to an evacuation site, school officials said

"If there are problems like this, then it's not a viable plan," schools Superintendent Ronald Stahley said of the evacuation plan for his dis-

Kerik did not fill out background

NEW YORK - Bernard Kerik, who withdrew his nomination for and security secretary after disclosing that he had not paid all required taxes for a nanny, did not fill out a background form when he was appointed New York City police commissioner in 2000, city offi-

The Department of Investigation said it is examining Kerik's tenure as head of the New York Police Department under former Mayor Ruolph Giuliani but declined to cite specifics.

"DOI is absolutely seeking facts and doing interviews and looking for answers," the department said in a statement Thursday.

Castro's granddaughter U.S. citizen

MIAMI - Cuban President Fidel Castro's granddaughter, who fled to America in 1993, has become an U.S. citizen.
Alina Salgado, 26, is the daughter of Alina Fernandez, Castro's

daughter living in exile in the United States Salgado was sworn in at the Miami Beach Convention Center on Wednesday, among 6,000 people who became Americans during two naturalization ceremonies. She refused to comment.



New implant device detects symptoms of heart failure

By JOHN PAIN

The Associated Press

MIAMI — A device that automatically detects early symptoms of congestive heart failure has been implanted in a patient in the United States for the first time.

The device is designed to allow patients to get treatment earlier and stay healthier.

When fluid levels around the heart get too high, they can interfere with a normal heartheat and cause death. The device implanted Monday in 70-year-old Antonio Comandari of Miami monitors the amount of fluid in the chest. If there is a buildup, doctors can prescribe medication to reduce it.

The InSync Sentry device, built by Medtronic Inc. of Fridley, Minn., is about the size of a cigarette lighter and transmits radio signals that can yield a computer readout on the heart.

The device costs about \$30,000, lasts five to seven years and should be available for wide-spread use by February, said Comandari's physician, said Dr. Alberto Interian, chief cardiologist at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

It was approved by the Food and Drug Administration last month.

About 400,000 Americans are

candidates to receive the device, Interian said.

"More and more we're seeing patients who are living with severe congestive heart failure, where four or five years ago they'd be dead. Devices like this are improving the quality of life,"

Dr. Ann Bolger, a cardiologist with the American Heat Association, said the device could be helpful in catching problems quickly and helping people avoid hospitalization.

"The new part of this is basically implanting a remote sensor in the patient's body," Bolger said. "That is the very exciting part of this."

The device also works as a defibrillator to jump-start hearts and make them beat in a normal rhythm.

Comandari has had three heart attacks and thought the fourth was coming last week when he felt dizzy and collapsed in bed. On Dec. 9, he was admitted with congestive heart failure.

"I'm happy because I was chosen to get a new life," he said.

Medtronic shares were up 15 cents at \$48.40 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Its share have been trading about midway between the 52-week range of \$43.99 and



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Smell test used to help Alzheimer's detection

BY JAMIE TALAN

Newsday

The inability to identify 10 everyday smells — from smoke to soap — can be used to predict Alzheimer's disease, scientists have discovered. The smell test was as effective at diagnosis as a memory test, and better than a brain scan.

"it's easy to do," said Dr. D.P. Devanand, a professor of clinical psychiatry and neurology at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. His findings were presented this week at the annual American College of Neuropharmacology meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

While scientists have known for more than a decade that the brain's smell center is adversely affected in Alzheimer's, using smell tests to diagnose the disease has never caught on. Devanand has been testing the predictive value of a 40-item smell test developed by Richard Doty of the University of Pennsylvania. In the latest study, 150 patients ranging in age from 43 to 85 with mild to moderate memory prob-

lems and 63 healthy volunteers were asked to identify odors on a scratch card — one card for each smell. They were given a choice of answers.

Most normal people score between 35 and 40. People in the earliest stages of Alzheimer's, before cognitive difficulty renders then unable to understand the exercise, score in the 20s. Many of the participants arrived at Columbia's memory disorders center complaining of problems.

They were recruited into the study and have been followed for up to nine years. During that time many were diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

When researchers looked back at the results, they found that those who scored in the low 20s were at high risk for Alzheimer's.

More recently, they've narrowed the test to the smells that best predicted Alzheimer's. Inability to identify smoke topped the list.

The others were menthol, leather, lilac, pineapple, soap, straw-berry, natural gas, lemon and clove. Devanand said he is not sure why these smells are more often lost to memory impairment.



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Wingman: Dating sidekick getting his due

Age-old flirting ploy becomes business for metropolitan entrepreneurs

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25-year-old Chicago resident

Steve Dybsky

BY MARTHA IRVINE

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Two friends are at a party when one sees a potential love interest across the room. Immediately, the other friend swoops into action, making an introduction and helping to keep the conversation going - all so the buddy can score a phone number.

It's long been a ploy in the flirting arsenal. But now, those who ride shotgun for the sake of love have a name: They are the "wingmen" and "wingwomen" of the dating world

"Every guy's gotta play the role of the wingman at some point in his life. It's the unwritten guy code," says Steve Dybsky, a 25-year-old Chicagoan who works in advertising and has been a wingman for friends and had them do the same

It's become such a popular concept that people are even posting ads online, looking for wingpeople to accompany them on a

At Arriviste Press, a small Boston-based publishing house, writers have launched a Virtual Wingman service on the company's Web site. All clients have to do is plug in a few details about themselves and what sort of date they're looking for. Using that information, the virtual wingmen will craft a personal ad, free of charge.

Meanwhile, in cities such as Chicago

and New York, a person can rent out a real, live wingperson on an hourly basis

Ralph, self-described "wingchick," is founder of the Chicago company Mr. Right Now Inc., which began by providing dates for a night - then quickly expanded when an increasing number

of clients started ask-

ing for a wingperson.
"I've always been that girl, the one whose friends ask 'Will you go talk to that person for ' Ralph says, So. she figured: Why not make a buck doing it? Now she and the wingmen and women who work for her charge \$50 an hour for their services, accompanying clients to parties and bars and helping

them meet people who catch their fancy. Others who offer such services are find-

ing similar success Shane Forbes, a computer programmer who founded the New York-based company Wingwomen a year ago, says his business has been such a hit that he now has more than 25 women working for him and at any one time, more than 300 male cli-

He opted to work with wingwomen only because he says they're often more subtle

— and more successful in approaching other women on a client's behalf.

"If a guy talks to a girl, she knows she's being hit on," Forbes says, even if that guy is a wingman

Jay O'Sullivan, a 28-year-old software developer in Montreal, can attest to the advantages of having a

wingwoman along, especially with a group of guys "When you throw a

woman into the mix, guvs get competitive and try to be funnier, he says. "So the whole night just sort of takes

When O'Sullivan was planning a birthday party for a couple of co-workers last month he nosted a query on Craigslist, a popular online bulle-

tin board, looking for wingwomen. "We just need some responsible girls to help keep the drinks topped up, the lines to the clubs short, and the cars idling. We are

NICE GUYS who like to party hard," the He had three responses and ended up choosing one of the women, who - for \$100 Canadian and free drinks - helped

the two birthday boys mix with the crowd. "Ultimately, they didn't seal any deals, so to speak. But it was a good time," says O'-Sullivan, who plans to use the wingwoman concept again sometime.

Though it's becoming a paid gig for some, many wingpeople still are just friends who do it as a favor. Paul Reiter says that since he met his fiancee three years ago, he's become an ace wingman

"Now I will even talk to the hottest women without being scared, since I'm there just to shoot the wind until my friend comes in with a coy remark," says Reiter, who's 27 and lives in Philadelphia.

Not that every wingperson always plays it smoothly, as Dybsky - the Chicagoan who works in advertising - discovered three years ago. He was a senior at Villanova University,

and his roommate was playing the role of wingman when they met two cheerleaders for the Philadelphia 76ers basketball team.

"We were going out of our way to make myself seem like a fun guy - and things were going well," Dybsky says. Then his roommate, who'd gotten a little too drunk, abruptly threw up all over the table.

"I thought he ruined my chances," says Dybsky, who can laugh about it no w. But as it turns out, he still got the phone number he was after - and a few dates with one of the cheerleaders.

Wingman's mission accomplished.



Snoop's wild world

Gangsta rapper at home in all environments

BY GREG BRAXTON Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - The group of young boys shifted uneasily, eyes fixed on the gangly figure towering over them. They were an exclusive audience about to hear Snoop Dogg do his latest rap. But they didn't feel so lucky — they knew it was going to be a bad rap on them.

"You better go gangsta - they can't beat us, so they're tryin' to cheat us!" snarled Snoop Dogg, tearing into the Rowland Heights Raiders, a team of 8- to 10-year-olds — including one of his two sons — in the Orange County Junior All-American Football League. The Raiders were taking on the Norwalk-Santa Fe Springs Saints, and though the unbeaten Raiders were ahead by a touchdown at halftime, the Saints were breaking their spirit with rough-and-tumble play and crunching

The eves of a few Raiders were wet with frustration and pain. The eyes of Snoop were narrow with rage.

"You better get your minds right, or you're gonna get beat," the Raider coach growled. "I don't care about nothin' else,

than this team! You better get your focus back now, knowwhatImsayin'? Quit cryin' and do your job, get focused!" He gestured dismissively toward a cooler on the sidelines: "Now go get some oranges or something!"

Snoop ignored the nearby crowd of par ents and fans in the stands of the Rowland Heights High School football stadium snap ping pictures and shouting out to him. This was not show time.

For now, nothing else mattered: Not his chart-topping "Drop It Like It's Hot" single with sizzling producer Pharrell Williams that has again made him the champagne toast of the rap/pop music world. Not his just-dropped album "R&G (Rhythm & Gang-sta): The Masterpiece," already a best seller. Not his star turns this year in films such as "Starsky & Hutch" and "Soul Plane" that endeared him to a cross-section of moviegoers. Not his growing status as a pitchman for corporate America.

At this moment, he was merely Coach Snoop, desperate for another notch in the win column. He says the quest for a championship trophy with his boys is more fulfilling than acting or music, his two "girl-



Snoop Dogg performs live at 102.7's KIIS-FM's fourth annual Jingle Ball held at The Pond of Anaheim in Anaheim, Calif.

friends." And the tirade worked - the Raiders trounced the Saints in the second half. Overjoyed, Snoop jumped and clowned around with the team in a victory celebration, then ran to a truck in the parking lot to award each player with a brand-new WRFF

The scene united the conflicting sides of Snoop that have made him practically ubiquitous in today's pop culture - the streetwise former thug from Long Beach who can 'throw down" when pushed against the wall; the showman who shines in the spotlight; and the playful, generous artist who

can turn into a 6-foot, 31/2-inch kid at a moment's notice. As the rapper juggles his various prospects, youth sports has provided him much needed balance amid the showbiz whirlwind enveloping him.

More than 10 years after his lazy, distinc-tive drawls made him one of the top original gangsta rappers on the West Coast scene. and more than eight years after being acquitted of first- and second-degree murder charges in the shooting death of a Los Angeang member, Snoop Dogg (who born Calvin Broadus) wants to turn Hollywood into - to quote one of his hits -Doggy Dogg world.'



SPECIAL TO STARS AND STRIPES

Walter Scott's Personality

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When Kirsten Dunst and Jake Gyllenhaal broke up, who got their dog? - Paula Knowles, Barstow. Calif.

A For starters, we're not con-vinced they broke up. So who has canine custody is a moot point, Jake, who turns 24 today, and Kirsten, 22, have been snotted canoodling since their reported split last summer. But it seems that Atticus - the lop-eared German shepherd mix they adopted - spends more time with best bud Jake

QI saw Cody Gifford, son of Kath-ie Lee and Frank Gifford, on Teen Kids News." Are any of the other kids on that syndicated program from showbiz families? Gloria Karolenko, Woodstock, Md.

Yes. Cody's colleagues include AYes. Cody's colleagues include Meredith Vieira's son, Ben Cohen, 16; Paula Zahn's daughter, Haley Cohen, 15; and Jenna Ruggiero, 15, daughter of Rosanna Scotto, news anchor for the Fox TV station in New York. "Teen Kids News" is taped on Friday afternoons, as Cody, 14, and his pals insist on having weekends off

In your view, what is the single biggest obstacle to capturing Osama bin Laden, who is said to be hiding out on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan? - James Wolf, Tallahassee, Fla.

The No. 1 impediment is the po-Alitical situation inside Pakistan. Though Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf has vowed to capture Osama, members of his military and intelligence services have clandestine ties to al-Qaida. Musharraf is trying to force these



Rumors of the breakup of actors Jake Gyllenhaal and Kirsten Dunst appear to be greatly exaggerated. - Carolyn H., Yorba Linda, Calif.

As good as can be expected for

officers into early retirement. Our hopes of catching Osama may rest on the success of his housecleaning.

Qut of the spotlight since her

stroke in 2002. How is her health? As good as can be expected.

As woman who turns 92 this

week. Mrs. Johnson's stroke makes it difficult to understand her speech, yet she attends events at the LBJ Library in Austin and spends time at her ranch in Stone

> Oprah Win-frey has the look associated with lap-band or gastric-bypass Has surgery. she recently had such a procedure? Stephens, Richardson, Texas

wall. Texas

ANo. And if she Oprah, 50, has

been completely open with her audience about her ceaseless strugale to lose weight through diet and exercise.

Whatever became of child star Bobby Driscoll, who played Johnny in 1946's "Song of the

A Bobby — just 13 when he got a special Oscar in 1950 for powerful performances in the thriller

"The Window" and the family drama "So Dear to My Heart" quit acting in 1957 to take a "straight job." Sadly, his life quickly slid downhill with multiple arrests for drug possession, assault and forgery, a six-month prison sentence

and a trip to a psychiatric hospital. In March 1968, Driscoll died penniless and alone in an abandoned New York tenement. He's buried in Potter's Field on nearby Hart Island

When will I see more of coungoddess Shania Twain? — Tim Gallagher, Albany, N.Y. AJust in videos on CMT's "100

would be the Johnny Depp will play Willy Wonka first to tell the in Tim Burton's remake of "Char-Greatest Hits" snecial. this Wednesday. After exhausting tours for her

2002 CD "Up!" and her new "Greatest Hits" album, Shania, 39, looks forward to returning to the Swiss chateau she shares with her reclusive producer-husband. "Mutt" Lange, and 3-year-old son, Eia (pronounced Asia). She plans to focus on raising Eia, writing songs and riding her horses.

I heard that Robin Williams. Nicolas Cage and Steve Martin all want to play Willy Wonka when "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is remade. Which one will get

the role? -Tad Levine. York. N.Y.

ANone of the above. Director Tim Burton chose Johnny Depp, 41, to star as Willy. Helena Bon-

ham Carter 38 - Burton's girlfriend and the mother of his son Billy, 1 - plays Charlie's mom.

QYou said Stephin Merritt wrote the song "Book of Love" for the movie "Shall We Dance?" But didn't that song appear on an earlier CD? - June Sobieski, Los Angeles, Calif.

AYes. A handful of readers re-minded us that Merritt, 38, of the hand The Magnetic Fields included "Book of Love" on a 1999 CD, "69 Love Songs," "The album is a cynical manifesto about love songs, not a collection of songs about love," he tells us. His band's new CD, titled "i," features 14 tracks starting with that

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South"? - B.H., Atlanta, Ga.

'Holy Huddle' helps football fans keep faith

BY BOBBY ROSS JR. The Associated Press

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DALLAS - For a long time, the Dallas Cowboys cost the Unity Church of Dallas people and money.

On Sundays when the Cowboys kicked off at noon, some members staved home. Others left worship early - before tithing time — to avoid missing the opening snap.

"They were putting up announcements saying, 'Don't trample the children when you stampede out of here before the ser-" half-joked Denise Maindelle, vice ends.'

Then church members Ken Sutherland and Mike Connor approached the pastor with a suggestion: Why not show the Cowboys game on a big screen in the church fellowship hall? The Rev. Ellen Debenport thought a "Holy Huddle" was a fine idea.

"I preach all the time that we need to live balanced lives," said Debenport, the 1,000-member church's senior minister.
"If someone's interested in church and football and being with their families on Sunday, I think that's great. So if we can accommodate that and build community in the church at the same time, that's fine

Across the football-crazed nation, the temptation to skip services in favor of the home team challenges many regular churchgoers this time of year.

Some, like Tim McMillen, who operates a Pittsburgh Steelers fan Web site, do the best they can. In one post, McMillen wrote



Carol Scott, right, and others walk through a buffet line at the Unity Church of Dallas fellowship hall as they gather to watch the Dallas Cowboys take on the Minnesota Vikings following church service Nov. 21 in Dallas. On Sundays when the Cowboys kicked off at noon, some members stayed home. Others left worship early, before tithing time, to avoid missing the opening snap.

that he would play on the church praise team, "then burn rubber back home to catch the start of the game.

"Any old ladies who get in my way com ing out of church are gonna be very sorry,

Larry Ghan, an elder at the Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Pocatello, Idaho, said he almost always nicks God over football

Occasionally, though, a Minnesota Vikings kickoff at 11 a.m. Mountain time is just too much to resist.

On a recent Sunday, Ghan had little choice but to attend service: The congrega-

tion was counting on him to preside over

"My first commitment is to the Lord, so I'm going to be there," he said. "But that doesn't mean I'm not a little bit edgy and twitchy wondering how the Vikes are

In Brentwood, Tenn., south of Nashville, the lure of the Tennessee Titans played into one church's decision to start a Saturday night service.

They get the same sermon and most of the same hymns," said the Rev. Howard Olds, senior pastor of Brentwood United Methodist Church.

Most importantly, they get Sunday morn ing free to watch the Titans, let their children play in a youth soccer game or engage in other family activities, Olds said. In the Green Bay, Wis., area, it's not un-common for churches to review the Packers schedule before setting the times of

church events. So when the NFL recently moved two noon games to 3 p.m., the Rev. Don Behrendt of Peace Lutheran Church found it difficult to hide his displeasure All of a sudden, the church's 4 p.m. chil-

dren's Christmas program found itself smack in the path of the Packers. At the last minute, the church changed

the December pageant to 1 p.m. to avoid the conflict. A newspaper editorial criticized the decision, describing any parent who would miss a child's Christmas program to watch a football game as a jerk.
"I would agree with that," Behrendt said. "But you don't want kids to find out

their parents are jerks any more than they

tobyMac's new CD puts a musical spin on diversity really heavy ... but I really want-

BY BRIAN BOWERS Stars and Stripes

When toby Mac envisions the Bible's shining city on a hill, he sees a diverse place.

It's a place without barriers dividing what he calls "God's artistic handiwork." So, it seems natu ral for him to name a CD "Welcome to Diverse City.

"It's been something that's been important to me all my life,' said Tohy McKeehan whose new disc was nominated for a Grammy earlier this month.

"Diversity, to me, is in everything I do. From my record label, Gotee Records, to my album and my family," said McKeehan, who has adopted biracial twins. "I want to live that way and not just proclaim it."

McKeehan grew up near Washington, D.C., and his childhood heroes had all different shades of skin. He started his career with the multiracial band dc talk, which made its own plea for racial harmony with the song "Col-ored People." However, "I began traveling all around the United States and not everyone has had the privilege of being raised in a place that's so diverse ... and I wanted to welcome everyone to diversity.

"We will never be a truly shining city on the hill until we are di-

McKeehan's new disc com-

track and other songs, but true to its name it's a very diverse nackage. Its themes range from praise, to relationships to the pressure of everyday life. Stylistically, it flows from hip-hop to funk to rock and back. Short transition tracks effectively bind the main songs together to form a cohesive and thoroughly enjoyable pack-

It's a mix that has grabbed a lot of fans since its October release. The disc has been nominated for a Grammy for the year's best

rock gospel alhum and single "Gone" is planted atop the Christian radio charts. The disc

with "Hey Now," a hip-hop proclamation that tobyMac's back - two after vears his first solo

effort, the ac claimed "Momentum." disc. for Rock Gospel Album. hounds into

hard rock with "Slam." which asserts the message of Jesus is for everyone no matter their color or their sins. And the song "Diverse City" slides into a funk heat as it as it builds its case for human har-

Today's praise

The disc does an excellent job of translating the big picture into a personal view. "Atmosphere" encourages someone in tears and alone. The pop-oriented "Gone'

— the disc's first single and one of its best tracks - scolds a friend who's been unfaithful to his girlfriend. "Stories" describes the personal accounts of people who've "been down to the bottom," but remain certain that

"God will see us through. And McKeehan offers a glimpse of his personal struggle

against getting sucked into too many activities in "Gotta

Go. Although many of the topics pretty heavy "Welcome to Diverse City," by tobyMac, much of the

has been nominated for a 2004 Grammy disc is quite light-hearted. "Gone."

"Gotta Go" and "TruDog" — a rap by his young son Truett - are downright fun.

"So many times you would consider music coming from a Christian person, Christian music, as

ed to put on some songs about a person walking through this world, a believer, having a good time," McKeehan said.

The disc's last song is a remix of "Atmosphere," featuring the voices of dc talk bandmates Kevin Max and Michael Tate.

"I just sat there with this song messing with it ... and, every time I sat there, I heard Michael and Kevin's voices in it." McKeehan

So, he called the pair and they agreed to participate. However, that doesn't mean a reunion tour is imminent.

"dc talk is alive and well," McK-eehan said. "We're climbing senarate creative mountains right now. ... For now, there's a lot of life in this climb called solo."

Finally, McKeehan wanted to pass along a message to the military community: "I would like to say thank you to all of the men and women serving our nation and sacrificing for our freedom. And may God bless them.

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'I told them to be strong'

Years after fleeing for his life, anti-logging activist returns to minister to Philippines as Navy chaplain

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripe:

INFANTA, Philippines — More than a decade ago, Navy Chaplain Lt. Cerino O. Bargola was a priest in the southern Philippines. Like many of his

counterparts, he opposed illegal logging The bishop of his diocese helped to intensify their opposition by transforming the local priests into law-enforcement agents empowered to stop the log-

"We were deputized as forest guards," Bargola said. "We had police powers to apprehend illegal log-

Bargola rallied his parish, and its members found and arrested illegal loggers in their community. It marked a success for environmental protection the start of a new chapter in his life - a chapter that would lead to his exile, and his return a decade later.
"After that I was in trouble," he said. "They want-

ed me dead. Bargola said he received death threats from illegal loggers and had to have a bodyguard. When the

priest from a neighboring parish was assassinated, the bishop decided Bargola had to leave.

He was sent to Diego Garcia as a contract priest

and lived there for seven years, until his career's next twist. In 2001, at age 42, he joined the Navy, aided by the Navy chaplains at Diego Garcia he befriended

over the years He needed three special waivers from the Navy,

he said: one for his age, one because he wasn't a U.S. citizen and one for an eye condition.

Newly added to the Navy ranks, he moved to Okinawa and began the first of two tours serving with

the Marine Corps.

This week, Bargola returned to the Philippines as art of a joint task force conducting humanitarian re lief. He saw the devastation he believes was caused by something he so passionately opposed 13 years ago.

Weeks ago — after a succession of storms hit the

coast of Luzon south of Manila - hundreds of illegally-cut logs began to flow in a mud slide created in part by deforestation, according to the Philippine overnment.

The mud slide carried away homes and families, and logs killed people trying to swim to safety, residents of one town said.

In the small town of Infanta, the local priest died helping to rescue people from the flowing debris. The community church was filled with mud. Families began burying their loved ones, but no religious services were performed to lay them to rest.

When Marines arrived in the town to deliver supplies this week, Bargola saw a special opportunity On the steps of the remains of a building near the Red Cross tent, he held Mass for the townspeople, giving them, he said, the chance to start to heal. It was the first service they'd had since the storms.

Several hundred people stood solemnly in muddy rubber boots or bare feet to listen to Bargola speak. Scratched on a wall behind him was the sentence

"Pls [please] do overcome our hunger." Holding bags of Red Cross rice, people joined Bargola in songs of hope.

"It's important to these people," he said. "People here are traumatized. I gave them hope; I told them to be strong."

It was a pivotal day in his life, he said, and one he will never forget. "I was really touched."

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The University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, has assembled an international collection of 1,200 nativity scenes from 45 countries, including several creches by artists from New Mexico. This scene was crafted by Mary Toya of Jemez Pueblo, N.M.

Nativity scenes reflect local culture, history

BY JAMES HANNAH The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Baby Jesus wears blue jeans and a Western shirt. The Wise Men are Ameri-can Indian chiefs, one in full head-

Instead of gold, frankincense and myrrh, gifts include water, corn and a drum.

The University of Dayton has assembled a collection of 1,200 nativity scenes from 45 countries, and one thing stands out immedi ately: Creches reveal what's important to a culture. Artists make the birth of Jesus more relevant by wrapping it in their local customs, costumes and values.

The Pueblo Indian scene with Jesus in jeans is just one exam ple. It's among 19 sets crafted by artists in New Mexico that are the latest to be exhibited from the col-

'You don't find a religion that is devoid of culture," said the Rev. Johann Roten, director of the Marian Library at Dayton. And the converse is true as

well, he said: Religion enriches Visions of the Nativity in the university's collection are as different as the places that produced

A clown — holding a string of red, yellow and green balloons is in one German scene that also is festooned with a snowman, a Santa Claus and a walking puppeteer. A figure in a long white

German creches often include Santa. "The Germans are very much into St. Nicholas." said Tim Bennett, an associate professor at Wittenberg University in Spring-field. "It's a reflection of the

beard smokes a pipe with a

curved stem.

gift-giving."
In a Mexican set, Mary and Jesus lie in the sand surrounded by cactus and burnt-orange pottery figures in sombreros. Standing with his back to the others is Satan, who has the skull of a cow on his head and is clutching a pitchfork and bottle of liquor.

The use of Satan comes from the days when the Spanish conquistadors used the fear of the devil to convert Mexico's Mayan Indians to Christianity, said Artimus Keiffer, assistant professor of geography at Wittenberg Uni-versity in Springfield, Ohio.

"It was either Satan or Christ. You picked one or the other," he

In one Pueblo scene, the stable is replaced with an adobe hut, and the manger with a cradleboard, used by nomadic tribes to lizards. carry babies. Bears, lizards, snakes and frogs circle Mary, Joseph and Jesus. The clay figures have crude hands and faces and are cast in soft earthen bues of brown and tan

"They seem more homelike and homey," said Judy Brucken. who came to see the exhibit. "It gives you an overwhelming feel-ing of comfortableness and con-tentment."

The pottery figurines are Chris-tian in origin but also have strong cultural features, Roten said

"The only part of the figures that is highly developed is the mouth and nose," he said. "The nose is the connecting organ with nature - it's how we receive the breath of life and is a characteristic of living beings

"Similarly, the open, rounded mouth speaks of food for life and also reflects the popular tradition of storytelling."

One set was collected in Nigeria in the 1960s. It features intricately carved wooden figures by the side of a stream. Some have umbrellas to protect themselves from the sun. Some women are carrying stacks of firewood on their heads

"We quite rightly should want to see nativity scenes in all the dif-ferent cultures," said Robin Margaret Jensen, professor of history of Christian art and worship at Vanderbilt University. "We don't know what Mary and Jesus looked like. It addresses the problem of always showing them as Western Europeans."



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A fatal test

ID OROFINO — A man has been charged with involuntary man-slaughter for fatally shooting his friend through a protective vest on an apparent dare, police said.

dare, police said.
Alexander Joseph
Swandic, 20, died of a
gunshot wound to the
heart after donning a
protective vest and
asking David John

Hueth, 30, to shoot him, police said.

Hueth initially told police that Swandic's wound was self-inflicted, but later admitted to the shooting. The two had apparently tested the vest by propping it against a dirt bank and shooting it twice, police said.

Hueth faces a preliminary hearing on Dec. 27. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison.

PETA punishment

ANCHORAGE — An animal rights group is recommending that an Anchorage woman accused of neglecting more than 100 cats in her home get psychiatric help if convicted of animal cruelty.

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PETA sent a letter to city prosecutor Nick Spirpousols setting out
what it thinks should happen in the
case of Krystal Allen, a \$2-year-old
woman charged with two counts of
animal cruelty for allegedly keepmer by failing to provide adequate
food, water, housing and care. A
third count of animal cruelty stems
from an incident in which Allen allegedly bit a cat so hard it hit a
wall.

The charges are misdemeanors.

Each is punishable by a maximum one year in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Fog collision

CA SACRAMENTO — Two tractor trailers and at least 10 cars collided in dense fog on a Northern California highway. No one was killed but several people were injured, officials said.

Visibility was about an eighth of a mile when the pileup occurred on Interstate 5 north of Sacramento, the California Highway Patrol said. A dump truck lay on its side and several cars were crushed in the pileup.

the pileup.

Officials could not immediately comment on the severity or number of injuries

Snake slithers into mail

CLIFTON — A Missouri family's pet snake, missing for a month, turned up alive and slithering in a box they had sent to New Jersey, about 1,000 miles away.

The box contained a DVD player that was being sent for repairs. The family believes Paco the python crawled into the box before

they sealed it and sent it to the factory via UPS.

Sheila Himmerick said her fami-

Sheila Himmerick said her family had been looking for the snake when she received a call from Samsung's New Jersey repair shop, CVE Inc., wondering if the snake in the box belonged to her and whether it was her way of expressing customer dissatisfaction.

Paco will be shipped back home to Missouri, this time in temperature-controlled comfort.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man bites dog

GAINESVILLE — A man has been charged with animal cruelty for allegedly biting his Jack Russell terrier as punishment, and police say he used a 200-pound bull mastiff in an attempt to keep back officers who arrived to arrest him.

The mother of Mount Lee Lacy's girlfriend called police because she was concerned about an argument between him and her daughter about Lacy's unusual discipline method for his dog Lady.

Officers kicked down the apartment door when they heard an argument and a barking dog. Lacy was holding the mastiff named Breaker on a taut leash 6 feet inside the door. The officers drew their guns but didn't fire.

Lacy, 21, was handcuffed and jailed on one count each of felony animal cruelty and resisting arrest without violence.

House built under bridge

CHICAGO — For three or four years, a homeless man achieved the impossible: He found a cheap place to live on pricey Lake Shore Drive.

Actually, Richard Dorsay lived under Lake Shore Drive, in a wooden shack built into the beams and girders of the drawbridge that crosses the Chicago River.



Keeping balance

Thomas Thale, dressed as a toy soldier and on stilts, gathers his streamers and bag as he attempts to climb the stairs outside KSDK plaza in St. Louis.

Dorsay was recently evicted after another man arrested in suburban Streamwood told police about the home under the bridge.

When authorities went inside, they found an elaborate setup that tapped into the bridge's electricity to power a television, microwave, space heater and Play-Station video game system.

There, Dorsay could relax, turn on a Chicago Bears game, invite friends over and pop open some beers.

The home had it quirks. Whenever Dorsay heard the bells that signal the arms of the bridge would soon rise to let boats through, he held on as the bridge slowly pitched him forward.

Founder statue planned

HOUSTON — A 60-foot statue of Texas founding father Stephen F. Austin is planned for an Angleton park near one of his early settlements.

The concrete statue, scheduled for completion in May, will tower over a 10-acre park. Promoters said they believed it was time to honor Austin.

Being created by Houston sculptor David Adickes at his Houston warehouse studio, the statue will show Austin in fringed buckskin with a 52-foot rifle at his side. It will be just a few feet shorter than "Big Sam," Adickes' gargantuan concrete-and-steel image of statesman Sam Houston erected near Huntsville in 1994.

Austin is hailed as the "Father of Texas" for his role in bringing thousands of Anglo settlers to Texas when it was controlled by Mexico, and his namesake is the state's capital.

Nude lamp debate

MONTPELIER — A group preparing to celebrate the life of a Vermont-born sculptor is petitioning Gov. James Douglas to leave a replica of Hiram Powers' most famous work — which portrays a nude chained woman — on his Statehouse desk.

The petitioners, who include the wife of U.S. Sen. James Jeffords, say "The Greek Slave" is one of the most important pieces of art ever created by a Vermont native.

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The governor wants the lamp that incorporates the replica removed from his office desk during the upcoming legislative session. Douglas spokesman Jason Gibbs did the status could be broken, but he also said there was concern that school children would see the mude.

Gibbs said the lamp would remain on display at the Statehouse while the Legislature is in session, but not on the governor's desk.

Twins deliver twins

GA ATLANTA — Two twin sisters are seeing double — or make that quadruple — after delivering two sets of twin boys.

Twenty-one-year-olds Ashlee Spinks of Indianapolis and Andrea Springer of Conyers, Georgia, delivered their boys by scheduled Caesarean sections about an hour apart at Northside Hospital.

The two couples said twins run in the families of all four parents, and that they did not use fertility drugs to conceive the babies.



All I want is sleep A Santa-in-training lets Gavin Eshleman, 4 months, take a little rest during a visit to Park City Mall in Lancaster, Pa.



Practice makes perfect City West Senior High School in Traverse City, Mich., practices with other members of TC West's orchestra. The group was preparing for their upcoming performance at the Michigan Music Educators Conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Making repairs Alexandra Rum paints a statue of a shepard from a manger scene at St. Mary's Church in



If the snow won't come to you ...

Janina Richmond-Reck, 4, makes an angel in a bunch of leaves in Independence, Kan.



Nonja, 52, the oldest orangutan in the United A tasteful gift States, opens a holiday gift filled with bananas, raisins, and popcorn at Miami Metrozoo in Miami. Throughout the month of December, animals in the zoo receive wrapped gifts filled with their favorite treats as part of an annual celebration.



Standing tall Snow lies on the statue "Lincoln Walks at Midnight" in front of the West Virginia state capitol in Charleston, W.Va.



Moving time Matt Lippiatt of Anderson, S.C., carries the boxspring of a mattress set to a delivery truck outside Hampton Furniture in Anderson, S.C.

Drug deal busted

D NEZ PERCE — A man picked the wrong location for an alleged drug deal. Telling an eyewitness to mind his own business also was not a good

It was in front of the home of Lewis County's sheriff-elect, who was sitting on his front porch. "They really picked the wrong house to be in front of." said Phil

Steen, who will be sworn into office next month. Steen had only lived in the home

about three weeks when he decid ed to enjoy the evening air. But some suspicious activity on the street impaired his view

Instead of looking elsewhere, Steen ran the suspects' license plates. It led to a search of two houses and a vehicle, then the arrest of James MacArthur 46 MacArthur is charged with pos-

ession of marijuana with intent to deliver, unlawful possession of a firearm and possession of drug paranhernalia

Let it Snow

PA DORMONT — Forget all that stuff about a white Christmas. Jeweler Barry Landay's customers are hoping for a white New Year's Day.
That's because, for the fourth

straight year, Landay's Style Jewelry in this Pittsburgh suburb is ofring a full refund to anyone who buys jewelry between now and Christmas Eve if at least six inches of snow fall at Pittsburgh International Airport on New Year's Day.

Landay hasn't had to pay up in st years. But he's not crazy he's insured by a policy covering the promotion.

The sign in the window of Lan day's store reads "Let it \$now, Let it \$now, Let it \$now" and features another big word: Free

Giant seaplane found

HONOLULU — Research ers cataloging underwater debris around Pearl Harbor have made a giant discovery - the wreckage of one of the largest aircraft ever built.

A Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory submersible found the main body of the Marshall Mars, a Navy seaplane that had a 200-foot wingspan and sank following an engine fire in 1950.

The Mars aircraft series was built to move cargo, primarily be-tween California and Hawaii. The Mars Marshall once carried more than 308 people aloft, a record at the time

Pieces of the Mars Marshall were first found in August when the nose and keel were found, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said

Rancher charged

LOGAN — A 69-year-old rancher who authorities allege habitually let his cattle run loose was arrested for manslaughter after a woman was killed in a collision with one of his cows, police said.

Darrell Kunzler of Benson was arrested, according to the Utah Highway Patrol. Kimberly Johnson of Auburn, Wash., a 40-year-old mother of six, was killed Nov. 27 when her vehicle collided with one of Kunzler's Black

Angus steers on Utah Route 30. According to an arrest warrant, Kunzler has a 30-year pattern of failing to properly contain his livestock, despite repeated requests by law enforcement.

Kunzler is charged with one count of criminal homicide-manslaughter and five misdemeanor counts of reckless endangerment.

Judge's robe disputed

MONTGOMERY judge refused to delay a trial when an attorney objected to his wearing a judicial robe with the Ten Commandments embroidered on the front in gold.

Circuit Judge Ashley McKathan showed up at his Covington County courtroom in southern Alabama wearing the robe. Attorneys who try cases at the courthouse said they had not seen him wearing it before. The commandments were described as being big enough to read by anyone near the judge.

Attorney Riley Powell, defending a client charged with DUI. filed a motion objecting to the robe and asking that the case be continued He said McKathan denied both motions. McKathan said that he believes

the Ten Commandments represent the truth "and you can't divorce the law from the truth. ... The Ten Commandments can help a judge know the difference between right and wrong.

He said he doesn't believe the commandments on his robe would have an adverse effect on jurors.

Sloppy thieves

MO POPLAR BLUFF catch two suspects, police needed only to follow the trail of stolen goods - literally. In their haste to make off with

stolen items, the thieves dropped some of them along the way, creating a series of obvious clues for police to follow

Police said the trail was about 100 yards long, and led from a burglarized store, DCC Enterprises, to a residence where the suspects were hiding with stolen merchandise

Two inveniles were arrested on suspicion of second-degree hurglary and stealing more than \$500.

Police search for mother CA SAN FRANCISCO — Police

are asking the public to help find the mother of a dead infant found in the wastewater tank of a Greyhound bus. The body of a third-trimester

boy was found by a bus maintenance worker after the bus arrived in the city. Police are particularly interested in speaking to passengers who were on the bus. "We don't know if the child ever

breathed," police Lt. John Hennes-sey said. "We want to know if anybody saw anyone who was emotionally distressed or who may have given birth."

Governor to sell license

CHEYENNE - Gov. Dave Freudenthal has again offered his complimentary big-game hunting licenses for sale to benefit a variety of Wyoming wildlife-related projects, according to the governor's office. By statute, the governor can receive up to 20 complimentary big-game licenses each vear. In 2003 and 2004, the governor's big game licenses raised \$730,000 for wildlife-related projects.

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Women don't belong in infantry

In response to the Oct. 28 letter "Let female GIs contribute," this subject is so delicate for any enlisted male to speak about, let alone write about.

So, leaving all personal opinions aside, I say if females want to go into infantry units then let them in But in doing so you have to level the playing field completely, starting with physical fitness requirements and body fat requirements.

Living quarters in garrison should be integrated down to having Marines of the op posite sex as roommates. Females should also have to register for the Selective Service as all men do when they turn 18

Right now it is obvious to most infantry noncommissioned officers that the mili tary is more concerned with quantity than quality. It would rather have beefed up battalions with as many personnel as possible, regardless of how many of them have to be carried or excessively helped along the way.

Since we are already letting anyone who tells his recruiter that he wants infantry into the infantry, why limit it to kids who can barely hack it? Open the door completely to females, too.

Then do anonymous surveys of the units that have been integrated. See how many men complain about having to "pick up the slack" or do extra sandbag working parties, or carry gun systems that much farther on a hump.

See how many sexual harassment cases you have in those units, how many unwanted pregnancies you have. Watch and see how low morale gets.

Women have played a large role in the war on terrorism in support roles. No one can deny that. And yes, this is a different fight than America has had in the past. The war has changed, the world has changed and the military has changed The only thing that has not changed is the fact that the United States has won every major fight it has been in for years and years. So I say either rewrite the whole program, or drop it.

If the U.S. war machine isn't broke, don't try to fix it.

Marine Sgt. Michael David Tilus Al Oaim Iraa

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Only infantry deserves CIB

Despite the pleas by all noninfantry soldiers out there who think that because they perform a few tasks that they should be awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for their service in this war, there is a time when the Army calls on its best to go do the job. And I can guarantee you it is not those who are out there crying about not getting a CIB.

I had the chance to be part of the operation to take out the insurgents in Naiaf. Iraq, in August. All of these so-called infantrymen out there were doing maybe a patrol, maybe a raid, or even a snap traffic control point. Heaven forbid the Army asks you to perform basic soldiering skills. I guess vou don't remember that you are a soldier first and your military occupational specialty second.

In regard to Najaf, our commander called the best trained battalion in the 1st Cavalry Division, an infantry battalion. because he knew that was our job. The key word there is our "job." Others may be asked to do things that are similar to our job, but I can assure them that they do nothing like us.

Ask around next time Najaf comes up. You will find out that only we should be

awarded the CIB because only we can do the job we did. Spc. Kenji Nihipali

Camp Striker, Baghdad

Photo tells too much

We have met the enemy, and he is us. Stripes' decision to put a large and clear picture of a field-expedient armored Humvee on the front page on Dec. 11, with a text explanation that the armor is only there for looks, to fool the enemy into believing that the vehicle is too hardened to waste ammunition on has informed the enemy that these vehicles are indeed soft targets. Nice going, buddy!

What will Stripes tell the families of the next men to be killed in the vehicles it has just informed the enemy so well about? Col. Jared A. Kline

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ACLU fights for wrong cause

This is in response to the Nov. 29 letter "Politics aside, respect ACLU": I would just like to ask the writer one question: How does he feel about the fact that the American Civil Liberties Union, a group he so proudly donates money to every vear, is currently defending a hideous group known as NAMBLA? NAMBLA, which stands for North American Man/Boy Love Association, is a group committed to repealing laws prohibiting sexual conduct between [consenting] adults and children. The ACLU, in defending its decision to represent such a vile group, maintains that it protects the First Amendment rights of all groups, no matter what the content of speech they are protecting.

Aside from the obvious argument of free speech not allowing you to yell "fire" in a crowded theater, I wonder what happens to the ACLU's fierce loyalty to the First Amendment when they go after school groups who wish to sing traditional Christmas carols? Respect the ACLU? You've got to be kidding me.

Staff Sgt. Steve Brenneman Sembach Air Base Germany





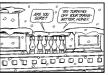
















OPINION

What newspapers are saving at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates

Tough to adapt on the fly Chicago Tribune

War is an inherently unpredictable enter prise. History is replete with examples of tactics and weapons that work well in one conflict, only to prove fatally obsolete in the next. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld struggled to make that point to soldiers in

The Pentagon is scrambling to adjust to the unforeseen hazards of the Iraq occupation. ... The basic mistake in this instance was expecting an orderly aftermath, a speedy handover of power to Iragis, and an early American withdrawal. When Rumsfeld said, "You go to war with the army you have ... not the army you might want or wish to have at a later time," he might have added that the force that invaded Iraq in March 2003 was perfectly equipped to destroy the Iraqi army and topple its dictator.

But a military designed for tank battles in the desert against a traditional enemy is not necessarily ideal for a guerrilla war in alien territory, which is what Iraq has become. ...

With better planning and more attention to uncertainties by civilian leaders, maybe it won't have to do so much adapting in the next war

U.N. status quo poor symbol The Chronicle, Centralia, Wash.

Face it. The United Nations Commission on Human Rights is an unmitigated farce and the United States would do well to drop its membership...

A case in point is a recent report by a U.N panel sponsored by Secretary-General Kofi Annan that rejected the proposal of any standards whatever for membership on the commission. One effect of that is that Sudan will not lose its seat on the 53-member body even though Sudan is accused by the United States of committing genocide in its western Darfur province.

There's more: The commission is expect ed next year to seek to prohibit the introduction of resolutions aimed at specific countries for human rights violations. The commission could do little more than approve resolutions condemning religious persecution or suppression of labor without identifying perpetrators.

We don't blame [U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. John] Danforth for stepping down from his post after just four months

Death Row made for Peterson San Francisco Chronicle

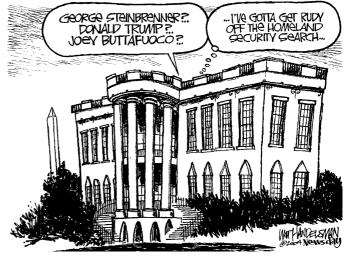
For once, the system worked

If we are going to have a death penalty in California — and the need for a serious review is compelling - it was tailor-made for Scott Peterson. His crime was reprehensi ble, his guilt was overwhelming, his legal representation was first-class, his trial was undeniably thorough and fair.

He earned his place on Death Row

Just remember, however, this case is atyp-The overwhelming majority of Peterson's 650 Death Row contemporaries in California never had superstar attorney Mark Geragos at their side and a legion of legal ex-perts scrutinizing every detail of a six-month trial

The debate over the death penalty should not be about Peterson. ... It should be about the potential margin of error in many other convictions. It should be about the evidence that suggests capital punishment is not a de nt, as it surely was not for Peterson. It should be about the morality of the state taking a life



Not set with how Bush vets The Morning Call, Allentown, Pa.

One Democratic insider described Presi dent Bush's nominee to head the Homeland Security Department, Bernard Kerik, as "a colorful guy." On [Dec. 10], the former New York City police commissioner abruptly withdrew from being considered to replace Tom Ridge as head of the huge department

Officially, the reason Mr. Kerik gave was that he discovered [this month] that he had a nanny problem." It turns out that a Mexican woman he had hired to care for his two young children was an illegal alien. .

However, many insiders think Mr. Kerik's "nanny" problem might have been a convenient excuse to avoid tougher scrutiny of his colorful and controversial past. That well-documented record raises questions about how well the Bush administration's vetting process works. The president intro-duced Mr. Kerik as his nominee even before all the paperwork was done or an FBI back-ground check was completed. ... If the White House doesn't do a more thor-

ough job, it means Senate confirmation hearings must be more rigorous

Ingenuity in U.S. arsenal Durango (Colo.) Herald

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was visiting an Army base in Kuwait when Army Soc. Thomas Wilson asked him why his unit

was short of needed equipment. The secretary of defense responded with what amounted to a verbal shrug. "You go to war with the Army you have," Rumsfeld said, "not the Army you might want or wish to have.'

But few armies are organized and equipped for the wars they end up fighting. That is what is so glaringly wrong with Rumsfeld's response to Wils

The U.S. Army is its own best example The Army that existed at the start of World War II was equipped largely with a mixture of antiques and wishful thinking. Maneuvers were carried out with trucks filling in for armor with the word "tank" painted on their

But in less time than U.S. troops have been in Iraq, the United States changed that into the best-equipped military in the world.

In 2004, however, Rumsfeld is essentially saying the United States cannot put armor on cars and trucks

After the episode, Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., wrote to Rumsfeld, calling his response to Wilson "unacceptable." That kind of congressional involvement is exactly what is needed. There should, and perhaps now will, be more of it,

Humble pie and food supply Chicago Tribune

Departing Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson set off alarms [this month], saying he worries "every single night" about the possibility of a bioterror-ist attack on the nation's food supply. ...

That sounded to many people like an invitation, and the Bush administration moved pretty quickly to dampen any anxiety.

After all, it's much more likely that Americans will get food poisoning by not properly cleaning a cutting board used to chop raw chicken. But it's worth knowing what risks there are that someone could tamper with the food chain, and what's being done about

Critics say new Food and Drug Adminis-tration rules are insufficient. The Center for Science in the Public Interest is pressing for the government to consolidate food oversight within a single group. ..

Thompson's blunt comments underscore that, given the vast size of the food distribution system, it may be impossible to prevent a bioterrorism attack of some form. But the new FDA requirements should at least help protect the public against threats to food safety. A quick response through the improved tracking of food could save lives.

No honor in omitting specifics The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch

Jessica Lynch, an unassuming yo Army private from West Virginia, and Pat Tillman, the defensive back who gave up his \$3.6 million contract with the Arizona Cardinals to become an Army Ranger, made sacrifices serving their nation that needed no em hellishment.

But by committing sins of omission and addition, the Pentagon foisted off storybook versions of Army Pfc. Lynch's capture and rescue in Iraq and of Cpl. Tillman's ultimate sacrifice in the mountains of Afghanistan. The misrepresentation of Tillman's death,

however, is more egregious.

Tillman ... was reported killed by enemy fire on April 22. Shortly after, military officials said Tillman likely was hit by friendly fire. ... But the full story is only now coming to light, and it is one of botched communications, a highly questionable order to split un

Tillman's platoon during patrol and too-quick-on-the-trigger reactions by young Rangers. It's insulting to all Americans. This nation has lost sons and daughters in many wars, and Americans have shown resilience in accepting the bitter truth of combat. But for the Pentagon to stonewall and obfus-

cate about such sacrifices is dishonorable. Inaugural events all-business The (Baltimore) Sun

Republicans see no reason in this time of war to tamp down efforts to exceed the \$40 million spent for President Bush's 2001 inaugural. On the contrary, they make no apolo-

gies: Everything is more expensive now. George W. Bush certainly has something to celebrate. But does he need a gold-plated inaugural when families of reservists and National Guardsmen serving in Iraq are struggling every day?

Mr. Bush could have set a different tone this year by urging corporate and wealthy patrons to adopt a company of 130 soldiers or donate \$250,000 to a relief fund for military families

To kick off his second term in 1985, President Reagan opted for a low-key inaugural, focusing more on free festivities for youths than high-end, black-tie affairs. Even President Clinton (who made the Lincoln bedroom available to some big fund-raisers) cut back on special-interest contributions to his second inaugural, albeit after serious questions had been raised about some donors in

his first campaign. ... Robert K. Gray, a co-chair of President Reagan's first inaugural, gave a candid assessment of their relevance when he said, "Inaugurals are big business," and the big money derives from selling television rights to the associated events. He made those com-ments in 1988, and sadly, the business has only gotten bigger.

Sunday Horoscope

enthusiastic cheerleader for projects big and small. Obstacles must be nummeled, but you've got the energv to do it. If you've waited this long to get your holiday cards out, you may as well wait one more day before mailing them tomorrow, Mercury goes

direct, so there will be fewer Holiday Mathis delivery mistakes TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(December 19). Your dreams for the future are coming true this year - not without hard work, mind you. This month and next, the "work" is unlike any vou've done before. Chang ing your belief system isn't easy, but it's effective and quick! More money flows through your world in January and February Flirtation turns to full romance this

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Reware - one size does not fit all When you're aiming to win a heart a sale or a stamp of approval, you need a different approach for each person involved. Be ready to adjust at the slightest indicator that it's not

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Letter writing and e-mail are exceptionally lucky. There's an opportunity to associate with someone creative interesting and possibly famous. You also might date someone you once considered out of your league.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Understanding the opposite sex is your impossible preoccupation. You won't get any closer to the answer now, but it's fun to ask the guestions. Physical activities bring a healthy release of the holiday stress

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

There's no reason to analyze, excel and strive until you're miserable Laughter and satisfaction are life-lengthening. Make arrangements to have more of both! It's lucky to hang out with a Gemini or Aquarius.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Clever friends do not know it all, so don't let them influence you in the wrong direction. You're biding your time instead of making the next move in

a relationship - you don't want to appear eager or clingy. Risk being

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Character is what no one can take away from you. That's why you work

so diligently at building yours. Forgiveness is featured. It's

not something you have to say out loud but an internal process to repeat time and again

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're in the flow

Your concentration is impressive, and out of your efforts springs something magical. Praise for your brilliance is slow incoming. but don't you worry you'll soon get enough to

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sure, it's the season of giving, but what about you? Giving a present from you to you is actually a bless ing to your friends and family as well. It makes you feel more generous in regards to them.

make you feel emharrassed

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your sophistication can be intimidating. You should know that someone who looks up to you doesn't even know what you're talking about half of the time. A small kindness is a big deal to the one receiving it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Draw write, and compose Anything you do pleases your toughest critic: you. Love tip: You've only scratched the surface with a new sweetie. Tonight gives you a glimpse of how connected the two of vou really are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Push yourself to do the very thing you don't want to do. This is how you get the self-discipline to do even more! Your relaxation tonight is well earned! Let friends lead the way you'll love what they come up with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's pressure to come off looking cool to someone vou're getting to know. Being seen with people who

admire you will seem like the key Really, though, all this person cares about is how you treat him or her.

Scallywag may have Gaelic roots

Dear Editor: I recently heard the word "scallywag" in a movie. Where does this word come from? -B.J., Champaign, Ill.

Dear B.J.: No one is entirely sure where "scallywag" and its early spelling variant "scalawag"

Our earliest piece of printed evidence for it is from a 19th-century dictionary of Americanisms, where "scalawag" is listed as a Eastern term for "a mean fellow."

A few years after the first sighting of "scalawag," it was used in The New York Tribune to describe scrawny, ill-nourished cat-

It's possible this is the original

sense of the word, since this second piece of citational evidence for it wasn't glossed (that is, defined within the text), but without more evidence, we can't be sure.

We also can't be sure of the word's pedigree. The best guess etymologists have come up with is that it may be related to the Scots Gaelic word "sgalag," referring to a servant or farm-worker

Unfortunately, there's no way to know how this Gaelic word was transformed into "scalawag" and deposited on American soil, so its etymology remains unknown.

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Grandpa moves in, burdens family with his misbehavior

DFAR ABBY: When we married in 1998, my husband "Grant" and I agreed that we would never put our parents into a nursing home as long as we

were physically able to care for them After our home was built, my fa-Dear Abby ther-in-law, "Papa Jake," moved in with us. Pana Jake is now 73 wheelchair- bound from

a stroke, and an alcohol-He gets into his motorized wheelchair every day and heads out to the local bar, which is a mile away. When he returns, he's completely intoxicated, and some

times falls.

Papa Jake is also belligerent toward me, and I don't want our 2-year-old son living in this environment I didn't bargain on this when I married Grant.

Grant refuses to tell Papa Jake that if he can't live by the rules he needs to leave. I have reached my limit. I love Grant, but I can't live like this anymore. When is enough enough - Fed Up in New York

DEAR FED UP: Papa Jake appears to be a danger to himself. If you haven't already done so inform his doctor about what's going on. It's extremely unfair of your husband to wimp out and allow his father to treat you so disrespectfully - let alone drive his wheelchair drunk on the public roads.

The bargain you made with your spouse was that you would care for his father as long as you were physically able

Well, since you are not physically able to prevent Papa Jake's to the bar, insist that the time has come for Jake to go, and do not back

DEAR ABBY: Before a game, my friend asked

if I ever had a flame-shooter. Then he went into the bathroom and got a can of hair spray and some matches. He told me to light the match and hold it. While I was holding the match,

he sprayed the hair spray on it, and then my hand caught fire I wasn't burned, but it scared I'm not sure what to do. I want him to still be my friend, but I don't want him to get hurt. Should I let him keep doing it, or

should I tell someone and have them tell him to stop? — Worried in Kansa: DEAR WORRIED: Have you ever heard the saying that people who play with fire usually

wind up getting burned? This

applies to you and your friend.

those "flame-shooters" to explode in your faces, and there would be lifelong consequences. The next time your "friend" suggests playing that game, tell him you'd prefer to do something

DEAR ABBY: Early this year, I lost my precious father to cancer. Mom and Dad's 50th wedding anniversary would have been in a few weeks, and we had started planning a big celebration. Now that Dad is gone, how can we acknowledge this day? It seems a shame to do nothing. since in her heart. Mom will always be "with" my father.

Is there a way to have a special acknowledgement of any kind? — Grieving But Grateful

in Atlanta
DEAR GRATEFUL: While a large celebration of your parents' marriage would not be appropriate, I see no reason why family members and close friends shouldn't take your mother out on this emotionally loaded occa sion. Certainly, she should not be alone — and I am sure she would welcome the emotional support.

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http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Sundicate

Sexual letter may have been accidentally sent to pen pal

Dear Annie: I am 64 years old and have been pen pals with "Miranda" for the last 10 years. We never take longer tha weeks to respond to each letter, but since I wrote her four months ago, she hasn't written back, and I fear I know why.

envelope and mail my regular letter to her, and Annie's Mailbox in a moment of craziness, I grabbed another piece of paper and started to write a sevual fantasy letter. I don't know what got into me After several minutes, I stopped and said to myself, "OK, you got that out of your system.

Now tear it up and toss it in the trash." This is

the last recollection I have of that dreadful

evening. When months went by, I started thinking about the last time I wrote to her, and in a panic, I considered that I accidentally may have sent the dirty letter

along with my regular one.

I am certain Miranda must be repulsed and confused. If I write her again, she might call the police, thinking I'm stalking or harassing her.

_ Lewd Rehavior Dear Lewd: We won't get into what Freud would say about your "accident," but is it possible you are harboring feelings for Miran da that go beyond friendship? You a risk. Write her and ask why sh hasn't responded - there could be another reason. If your fantasy letter is indeed the reason, plead temporary insanity. Beg for for-

Dear Annie: My family likes

to get to church 10 minutes early so we can find seats. Unfortunate ly, with two small kids, that doesn't always

happen. I find it appalling that so many people sit in the aisle seat of the pew when there is no one sitting in the middle. They refuse to give up their aisle seat or step out of the pew to let us pass. Maybe they don't know this is rude, so

will you please educate them: Where is Hoosier Hospitality?

Dear Hoosier: Of course, Any able-bodied person who selects an aisle seat should have the consideration to slide down when others enter, or stand up and move out of the way, so later arrivals can pass easily. Unless there is a physical reason why you cannot move, there is no excuse to sit there and

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from a woman who was tired of receiving calls for her late husband, so she

looked up the number of the cemetery and gave it to one of the salesmen. She said. "The mental image of that man's reaction stopped the wave of grief I was feeling. I still smile when I think about it."

Let me tell you, this sort of thing can buy a lot of grief for the cemetery workers who handle these phone calls. One widow filled out a "change of address card for her late husband with the cemetery's address. We've received bank statements insurance notices, etc., but we have no authority to open any of this.

I also will tell you that I've worked at the cemetery for over 20 years and have vet to see a man do this. Only widows like this "practical joke." I don't know if it's because men handle grief better or if they're just more sensible.

 Ouincy, Ill. Dear Quincy: Maybe they're simply less imaginative. Actuallv. we'd bet the reason is that salespeople more often ask for "the man of the house." Nonetheless, we don't mean to encourage these practical jokes, and we thank you for letting us see the other side

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Neuroscientists testing mind over matter

BY RICK WEISS The Washington Post

Scott Hamel is a tough guy. In the gym, people stare in awe as he bench-presses more than 250 pounds. On the race track, he thinks nothing of taking his customized Corvette up toward the 200 mph mark.

Yet twice a week or so, Hamel puts on an adorable red bounet decorated with white polica dots and fastens its strap under his chin. He does so to exercise what has become the most powerful muscle in his body: his mind. With the help of that bounet — a high-tech piece of headgear that is wired to equipment developed by scientists in Albany, N.Y. — Hamel has learned how to move a cursor around on a computer screen just by thinking about it.

Hamel is one of four people whose technot-telepathic powers were highlighted in a scientific report that broke new ground in the rapidly advancing field of "brain-computer interfaces."

Neuroscientists and biomedical engineers in that specially have become increasingly adept at make ing devices that translate peot thoughts into actions — a potential boon for paralyzed patients. But the newest and reputedly most promising of those systems have been dependent on wire electrodes implanted directly into the brain, presenting results of infection or other complications.

By contrast, the cap that Hamel has been test-driving picks up on brain waves emanating from his skull. With it, he can send computer cursors on various trajectories and zap targets as they appear on a screen, using nothing more than series of mental immules.

"People have assumed you'd have to put electrodes in the brain to get this level of control," said lead researcher Jonathan Wolpaw, chief of the nervous system disorders lab at the state health department's Wadsworth Scott Hamel wears a can It's All in the Head that records electro encephalogram Scientists are developing "mind-reading" systems that allow people to control computers with their thoughts, signals from the and may someday help the disabled operate mechanical arms or legs scalo over the sensori-motor cortex, allowing his thoughts to move a curso Target appears Cursor appears in If cursor hits ...target flashes Blank screen from the center of a response to brain screen to a One user's average cursor paths Other user averages target on the to all targets, based on the fastest 2.3 . 2.8 53 to 75 percent of the user's 2.9 target hits. Average completion times (in seconds) are included in each 0.9 Watch an online movie of a training session at 1.2 ntrol. at 24 ntrol. at 12 EEGs of a brain activity moving a cursor up and to the right.

Center. "But noninvasive methods can be a lot better than people have given them credit for."

Wolpaw's "thinking cap" sports of sensors (the polks dots) that detect electroencephalographic (EEG) signals generated by persons. With a software program analogous to those used in voice-recognition programs, which "learn" people's very diquirks over time, people can gain control over a cursor's movement in two dimensions by modulating signal intensities in certain re-

gions of the brain, Wolpaw and co-worker Dennis McFarland reported in the online edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Hamel, for example, makes a

cursor move up by getting his brain to generate strong 24 cycles-per-second signals in two areas of the sensorimotor cortex, the region that normally controls limb movements.

Weakening that signal moves the cursor down. He pumps up a 12 cycles-per-second signal on the right side of his brain and weakens the equivalent signal on the left to move the cursor right, and does the reverse to move it left. Tit's like when a basketball player is in the zone," said Hamel, 43, who lives in Averill Park near Albany. "It's him and the ball and the basket, and there's no one else there. That's what it's like."

After a few months of 30-minute training sessions four or five times a week, he and the three other volunteers were able to zap targets within a couple of seconds after they appeared at random spots on the screen.

"EEG is fine if you only want to move a cursor" said Miguel Nicolelis, a Duke University researcher who has been implaning hundreds of electrodes into monkeys' brains, allowing them to operate robotic arms with their thoughts. "But to really restore motor function, to give mobility to a patient's own limbs, you meded more control than that. You need to get into the brain."

Medical director of Cleveland Clinic attacks Big Mac

By CECI CONNOLLY
The Washington Post

CLEVELAND — The Pizza Hut is shuttered, its neon sign collecting dust on the floor. But knocking down the Golden Arches has proved far more difficult for Toby Cosgrove, the new head of the Cleveland Clinic.

A heart surgeon who has cleaned out a career's worth of clogged arteries, Cosgrove didn't think Big Macs, supersize Fries and inch-thick, six-cheese pizzas belonged in the lobby of a hospital renowned for its cardiac care. So he decreed the fast-food joints had to go.

Pizza Hut went quietly. But Mc-Donald's, halfway through a 20-year lease, has refused to shut down a franchise that serves 12,000 doctors, nurses, janitors, secretaries, patients and visitors each week.

"Our menu is something we're all proud of," said Marty Ranft, a McDonald's vice president. "We've got a great relationship with the Cleveland Clinic. We are not interested in closing" the restaurant.

"We have to set an example with the food we serve our patients and employees," said Cosgrove, a trim 63-year-old. "In a way, McDonald's was symbolic as much as anything else. It is not associated with heart-healthy food; neither is Pizza Hut.

But Cosgrove's crusade has been met with resistance from not just McDonald's executives, who say they are being singled out for a problem that goes beyond the occasional Happy Meal, but also from staff and visitors who resent what they consider to be a paternalistic attitude from bosses who can afford pricier, more healthful food.

"What they have in the cafeteria is not a lot better, and it's certainly not affordable," said Donna

Wilkison, a post-operative nurse waiting in line for her Mc-Donald's salad with chicken. The cafeteria salad bar, priced at \$4.64 a pound, "gets very expensive. They need to bring in something else that's more afford-

On its sprawling urban campus, the clinic has a Subway sandwich shop, Au Bon Pain and Starbucks. Adjacent to the Mc-Donald's is a cafeteria that features a large salad and fruit bar, a grill, a deli and hot entrees.

Nutritionists such as Montefiore Medical Center's Miriam Pappo said the Cleveland Clinic battle is akin to fights being waged in America's schools and a handful of other hospitals over candy, soda and fast-food

She said it was "appropriate" for clinic officials to act as role models, yet Pappo sympathized with McDonald's' argument that no one forces people to eat there.
"In a way, they are a scapegoat,"
Pappo said. "But in other ways,
they are contributing for sure."

Of its 13,000 U.S. locations, about 30 McDonald's outlets are in hospitals, including children's hospitals in Los Angeles and Philadelphia. The New York City Health and Hospital Corp. does not intend to renew the McDonald's contract at its Elimburst hospital and has not decided whether to keep the one in the Jacoby Medical Center in the Bronx, spokeswoman Kathleen McGrath said. The Harlem hospital closed its McDonald's carlier tal closed its McDonald's carlier

The Cleveland debate began two years ago when one of the clinic's most talented, most outspoken heart surgeons rose at a staff retreat to question how in good conscience they could tempt their patients with such unhealthful products.

"If Dr. Cosgrove wants to say

McDonald's is inconsistent" with the health goals of the hospital, "he needs to take a look at the vending machines with candy bars and salty snacks, the cafeteria with deep-fried chicken, baked pies and slabs of ribs," said William Whitman, director of U.S. media relations for Mc-Donald's.

In the meantime, business is brisk at the Cleveland Clinic Mc-Donald's.

Engineering supervisor John Moorer, who has high blood pressure, is loading up a plate at the cafeteria salad bar, but he also has opted for McDonald's or Pizza Hut. Near retirement ago Moorer doesn't want his boss telling him what to eat. "If it's killing me, then that's my choice," he

McDonald's officials said they want to work with the clinic to develop more healthful menu options. But Cosgrove did not sound interested. He suggested a financial settlement is in the offing.

YOUR MONEY

Breaking down degree benefits

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband Jake's new com-

Bob Reynard, the local representative from the Navy College Office, was briefing the Family Readiness Group on the benefits of increasing your education. Navy College is basically a network of professional education services specialists in 62 major shore installations around the world.

"Isn't a college degree expensive?" I asked.
"Yes." Bob replied. "But it's

"Yes," Bob replied, "But it's less expensive than not earning your degree. That's why we put opportunity cost as the first item on our action plan."

No one made a sound. Bob wrote a chart on the board.

There were several aha's followed by more chatter. When he finished, he continued, "I see the

same reaction whenever I show this chart. This chart says that on average a four-year college graduate makes about 60 percent more each year than a high school graduate. Of course, your work history also can affect these numbers. These

are just averages.

"Why is the annual difference in pay between different levels of education important?"

No one volunteered an answer.

"Does anybody know what the different college degrees are or what they cost?" Bob asked.

The silence continued. Boo went on, "Don't feel bad. Many potential students don't have a clue what the different degrees mean, how long it takes to finish them, or even what they cost. "In general, an associate's degree requires 60 credit hours

and a bachelor's degree requires

twice as much, or 120 credit hours. The typical class is worth

three credit hours.

"A full course load is five classes a semester or 15 credits per semester to 15 credits per semester to 15 credits per semester or 16 credits per semesters at their overseas military campuses. This can be a big help to people who deploy often because it makes though their schedule has o many restrictions. That means you can earn 30 credits a year going full time, allowing you to finish an associate's degree in two years and a

"Now, assuming a public college average cost of \$70 per credit hour for an associate's degree and \$140 for a bachelor's degree, the average total cost for tuition is: \$4,200 for an associate's degree and \$16,800 for bachelor's

bachelor's degree in four.

Education earnings

National median earnings for each level of education for the year 2000

| Level of education | Men | Women |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| No HS | 20,789 | 15,978 |
| Some HS | 25,095 | 17,919 |
| HS Grad | 34,303 | 24,970 |
| Some College | 40,337 | 28,697 |
| Associate | 41,952 | 31,071 |
| Bachelor's | 56,334 | 40,415 |
| Master's | 68,322 | 50,139 |
| Professional | 99,411 | 58,957 |
| Doctorate | 80,250 | 57,081 |
| | | |

degree. Of course, this is a ballpark figure. Costs vary greatly depending on the school.

"If you go full time and live on campus, add at least another \$8,000 a year to cover books, a place to live, food and transportation costs — making your total bill \$20,200 for a two-year associate's degree and \$48,800 for a

,200 for a two-year associegree and \$48,800 for a four-year bachelor's degree. For a more detailed list of costs associated

with attending school go to: http://military.wiredscholar.com/pay-

ing/est_ac/eac_index_jsp.
"That doesn't sound right," Peggy Lopez said,
"You earn an extra \$7,000 to \$16,000, according to your chart, after shelling out \$20,000 to \$50,000 for a degree?"

"Actually it is worth it to earn your degree,"

Bob replied. "Did you know a high school dropout will earn only 1 million dollars over the next 40 years working full time

every year?"
"Only!" Peggy exclaimed.
"Yes. But someone with a high school diploma can expect to earn twice as much, or 2 million dollars, over the same time period,"

Bob continued "Earn your bachelor's degree and you'll make three times what a high school dropout makes. Go crazy and earn a masters degree and you can a ligh school dropout or over 4 million dollars over the same working lifetime. Of course different degrees, family commitments, and

Bob said

other items come into play.

"Now that you have all the facts, doesn't it sound like a good choice to go back to school?"



Caleb Sima chief technology officer for SPI Dynamics poses in the company's Atlanta office Tuesday. Sima is one of a select group of young techies who hit it big without an academic pedigree.

Skipping college paid off for some teen techies, but not all

BY DAVE CARPENTER
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Caleb Sima still marvels at how angry the people around him got when he fled high school for a computer job during the high-tech boom, thumbing his nose at the traditional career

path.
Skipping college, they warned, would be a foolish route to nowhere. "One day, I'm going to see you taking out my trash," his principal told him.

Ha.
Boasting a six-figure salary as chief technology officer of an online security company, Sima is one of a select group of young techies who hit if

big without an academic pedigree after technology and Internet-related businesses exploded in the late 1990s.

Just how many succeeded and how many failed in their quest is impossible to know. But a trail of anecdotal evidence on the Internet testifies to a few notable winners like the 24-year-old Sima, whose goal is to retire by 30. Only then might he attend college—mainly to "have fun and relax a little bit."

"It infuriates me when I hear "

people say you have to have a college degree in order to make a certain salary," he said from Atlanta-based SPI Dynamics, which he co-founded. "That is not true." Matching his diploma-less feat clearly has become more difficult

since the tech bubble burst in 2001, however, and fewer seem inclined to try.

Data from the U.S. Bureau of

Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics suggests that the number of those

skipping college 44 It infuriates me for the tech world has been declining when I hear steadily for three or more years. There were 40.000 people say you have to have a 16- to 19-year-olds working in computcollege degree er-related occupations in 2000in order to 18,000 in 2003.

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Caleb Sima Co-founder of SPI Dynamics

tickets," said Steven Rothberg, president and founder of Minneapolis-based CollegeRecruiter.com, a job site for students and recent graduates.

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"While a small number did strike

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age struck it rich

by buying lottery

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Bill Gates and Michael Dell became billionaires without having finished college. But they are now looked upon as flukes.

"It's so difficult to find an IT job now" without a degree, Rothberg said. "Five years ago, if you weren't incarcerated and had a pulse, you had a pretty good

The Information Technology Association of America, an Arlington, Virginia-based trade group representing technology companies, estimates there are 10.5 million IT workers. But competition for the jobs is intense and qualifications have risen from the dot-coms' pioneer era just a few years ago, spokesman Bob Cohen said

"Now employers really want to see people with a four-year degree, or at least a two-year degree and significant certification," he said. "Their expectations have gone un."

Sima was 16 when he dropped out of high school after his freshman year, bored with school and unable to fully pursue his love of computers. He earned a figh school equivalency degree, got a job fixing PCs and gradually moved up to security administrator of an online bank before starting a company in 2000.

With all the experience he gained, there was never a regret about missing college. Even today, he often finds that job applicants with Ph.D.s in computer science don't have what it takes despite their lofty degrees.

"Book knowledge is helpful somewhat in the IT world, but not near as much as real-world knowledge," he said.

But Sima doesn't think teen techies should ditch school without good reason.

"Tm not saying that someone who is a high-school kid but doesn't know what they want to do should do it," he said. "I think you have to somewhat realize what your goal is and be able to set yourself up for success."

YOUR MONEY

Balancing credit needs with score

Q: I am 20 and new to the world of credit. I just received a secured credit card and would like to know the fastest way to build my credit with this plastic.

I have been told that the only way to build a good credit score is to spend 70 percent to 80 percent of my limit, then pay off

only a por-Money Talk tion of the bill each month. I've heard that if vou vour von get much

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pay ance in full, won't very provement score. I'm anxious to

build my credit so that I won't need my parents' help when I want to purchase a car and, later, a house. Can you help?

A: You're smart to want to build a good credit history. Having a good credit score - the three-digit number lenders use to help gauge your creditworthi-

There's no need to pay interest on a credit card to build your score because the credit-scoring formula doesn't distinauish between balances uou pau off each month and balances you carry.

ness — will ensure that you get the credit you need in the future. You'll also pay less for loans because those with good scores get better interest rates and terms

than those with poor or mediocre scores. Landlords, insurers and employers also may use credit information to evaluate applications.

But the advice you've been given on how to build a good credit score is dead wrong.

Far from rewarding people who use 70 percent or more of their credit limits, the leading credit-scoring system penalizes those who may out their credit cards. If your goal is to improve your credit score, you typically don't want to use more than about 20 percent to 30 percent of your available limit.

That might be a pretty small amount because most secured cards give you a credit limit that's equal to the deposit you

make with the issuing bank, typically \$200 to \$1,000. But a little discipline now can pay off later. Make sure you keep track of your purchases, either in a check register you carry for that purpose or by checking your balance frequently online.

There's also no need to pay interest on a credit card to build your score. That's because the credit-scoring formula doesn't distinguish between balances you pay off each month and balances you carry

What's factored into your score is the balance that your credit card company reports to the credit bureaus - and that is normally the balance that appeared on your most recent statement. If you charged \$200 last month, for example, that's the amount that will be reported to the bureaus, even

if you paid off the full \$200 the day your credit card bill arrived Because your score doesn't depend on whether you carry a balance or not, you might as well be smart and pay it off in full every month to avoid interest charges

By the way, you'll want to make sure your secured card reports to the three major credit hureaus so that you're building a history with

Also, you'll want the secured card to convert to an unsecured card after 12 to 18 months of on-time payments because unsecured cards are better for your score. If your card doesn't offer that conversion feature, look for one that does.

- A few other ways to build a good score quickly include:
- Check your credit reports. Make sure there are no errors, including accounts that aren't yours
- Pay your bills on time, all the time. One late payment can quickly trash your score.
- Apply for credit sparingly. You don't want to put in a bunch of applications all at once, although you probably do want to have more than one card. Consider applying for a gas or department store card now and another credit card in a year or so. Use the cards regularly but lightly and pay off the balances promptly.
- Consider an installment loan An auto loan or small personal loan that's repaid according to schedule can help boost your
- If you continue to make good credit a priority and use the credit you have responsibly, you should be in fine shape for your fu-

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Homebuyers: Loan options are available

When it comes to choosing the length of a mortgage, consumers have more choices than ever. The most popular loans are still the 15- and 30-year fixed mortgages, but few buyers realize that they also can shop fixed-rate loans that span

10, 20, 25 or 40 years. About 35 percent of homebuyers are going for hybrid loans, which offer a few years of a fixed rate before switching over to an adjustable rate, says Doug Duncan, senior vice president and chief economist with the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Here are some options:

15-year fixed-rate mortgage: You'll get a lower rate than with a 30-year mortgage, but a stiffer monthly payment to go with it.

■ 30-year fixed-rate mort-age: The old reliable. It offers higher interest rate than the

a higher interest rate than the 15-year mortgage, but sweetened with a lower payment.

40-year fixed-rate mortgage: You have to shop it to see if it makes any sense for you. Is the monthly debt that much lower to make it worth paying an extra 10 wears of interest? an extra 10 years of interest

fixed-rate mortgages: To get one of these, you might have to approach lenders individually to ask what they would charge

to ask what they would charge for a loan term you need.

Hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages: The most popular types of hybrids give the borrower a fixed rate for one, three, five, seven or 10 years, then convert to an adjust--rate mortgage

■ Five- and seven-vear ARMs are particularly good for first-time homebuyers and people who are planning on being in their homes for a short period.

■ Make-your-own mortgage: Allows homeowners to easily adjust the length of their mort-gage by making additional principal payments

THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

| 52- | week | | | Net | % | YTD | 52 wk | | | | |
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| High | Low | Name | Last | Chg | Chg | % Chg | % Chg | | | | |
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| 335.20 | 254.11 | Dow Jones Utilities | 328.26 | +.29 | +.09 | +22.99 | +25.96 | | | | |
| 7,161.96 | 6,171.85 | NYSE Composite | 7,131.98 | -27.67 | 39 | +10.74 | +13.37 | | | | |
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EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates | |
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| Japanese yen (Dec. 18) South Korean won (Dec. 17) | 102.0 |
| South Korean won (Dec. 17) | 1,030.0 |
| Euro costs (Dec. 17) | \$1.375 |
| Dollar costs (Dec. 17) | €0.727 |
| British pound (Dec. 17) | \$2.0 |
| Commercial rates | |
| Bahrain (Dinar) | 0.377 |
| | |
| Canada (Dollar) | 1.233 |
| | |
| Egypt (Pound) | 6.225 |
| Euro | 3249/0.754 |
| Hong Kong (Dollar) | 7.775 |
| Hungary (Forint) | 183.2 |
| Iceland (Krona) | 61.7 |
| Israel (Shekel) | 4.323 |
| Japan (Yen) | 104.7 |
| Kuwait (Dinar) | 0.29 |
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| Philippines (Peso) | 56.2 |
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| Singapore (Dollar) | 1.645 |
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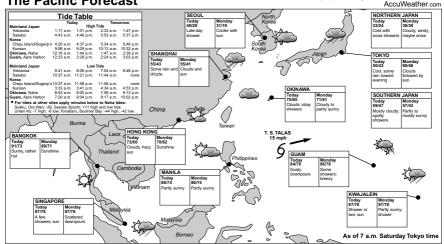
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Extended Forecasts

high 45, low 34,

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, high 48, low 35. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy,

KADENA

Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 71, low 57 Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 73, low 59,

Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 35, low 15 Wednesday: Mostly cloudy high 33, low 19.

MANILA

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and high 86, low 72. Wednesday: Partly sunny. high 86, low 74.

HAGATNA

Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 76. Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 76,

Friday's USA Temperatures

| CITY | HIGH/I OW | CITY | |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | HIGH/LOW 79/48 |
| Albuquerque Amarillo | 48/28 | Los Angeles Little Rock | |
| | 59/29 | | 57/37 |
| Anchorage | 34/31 | Louisville | 49/33 |
| Asheville | 54/26 | Miami | 72/62 |
| Baltimore | 50/23 | Milwaukee | 33/26 |
| Birmingham | 57/36 | Nashville | 53/31 |
| Bismarck | 54/27 | New York | 46/28 |
| Boise | 42/28 | Omaha | 45/30 |
| Boston | 46/20 | Orlando | 71/54 |
| Brownsville | 66/50 | Philadelphia | 50/26 |
| Buffalo | 28/19 | Phoenix | 73/48 |
| Burlington | 34/2 | Pittsburgh | 36/25 |
| Charleston, St | C 62/40 | Portland, OR | 50/40 |
| Charlotte | 56/32 | Portland, ME | 43/9 |
| Cleveland | 31/26 | Salt Lake City | 42/26 |
| Columbus, OF | 37/26 | St. Louis | 43/36 |
| Duluth | 25/10 | San Antonio | 64/40 |
| El Paso | 52/28 | San Diego | 79/50 |
| Hartford | 46/14 | San Juan | 86/74 |
| Helena | 47/29 | Tampa | 70/54 |
| Indianapolis | 39/26 | Tulsa | 56/37 |
| Jacksonville | 63/45 | Washington | 52/32 |
| Kansas City | 48/35 | Wichita | 56/32 |
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U.S. Extended Forecast

The coldest air of the season will plunge southward into the Midwest and Ohio Valley Sunday as an area of high pressure moves into the region. The northerly wind flowing around this high pressure will trigger lake-enhanced snow showers on the downwind side of the Great Lakes. A cold front will border the leading edge of this frigid air and bring a bit of snow to western areas of the Northeast and the Appalachians. Some snow will also fall along Maine and coastal New England as a storm system passes to the east of the region. Besides a few showers over southern Florida and flurries over the northern Rockies, dry weather will dominate the rest of the nation.

| Sunday's Pacific Temperatures | | | | | | Sunday's world remperatures | | | | | | | |
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| CITY | HIGH/LOW | CITY | HIGH/LOW | CITY | HIGH/LOW | CITY | HIGH/LOW | CITY | HIGH/LOW | CITY | HIGH/LOW | CITY | HIGH/LOW |
| Bangkok | 91/73 | lwakuni | 57/46 | Sasebo NB | 58/47 | Acapulco | 88/72 | Budapest | 34/22 | Kabul | 41/18 | Nairobi | 80/53 |
| Beijing | 36/19 | Kadena AB | 75/65 | Sapporo | 32/24 | Athens | 53/41 | Buenos Aires | 82/63 | Kiev | 38/23 | New Delhi | 83/49 |
| Camp Casey | 43/22 | Kunsan AB | 49/32 | Seoul | 40/20 | Auckland | 58/47 | Cairo | 67/45 | Kuwait | 60/39 | Oslo | 25/19 |
| Christchurch | 54/39 | Kwajalein | 87/78 | Shanghai | 55/43 | Baghdad | 56/36 | Cancun | 73/55 | London | 37/28 | Paris | 35/24 |
| Diego Garcia | 84/76 | Manila | 86/74 | Singapore | 87/76 | Barbados | 86/70 | Cape Town | 81/55 | Madrid | 54/40 | Rio de Janein | 78/66 |
| Hagatna | 84/76 | Misawa AB | 37/30 | Sydney | 92/69 | Barcelona | 59/45 | Geneva | 38/23 | Mexico City | 59/37 | Rome | 51/40 |
| Hanoi | 78/63 | Osan | 44/24 | Taegu | 53/33 | Berlin | 28/20 | Istanbul | 59/46 | Montreal | 31/-4 | St. Petersburg | 32/20 |
| Hong Kong | 72/60 | Perth | 88/71 | Taipei | 76/61 | Bermuda | 74/64 | Jerusalem | 59/41 | Mogadishu | 84/69 | Stockholm | 28/20 |
| Honolulu | 82/69 | Pusan | 56/38 | Tokyo | 50/42 | Brussels | 34/23 | Johannesburg | 81/57 | Moscow | 35/24 | Warsaw | 27/18 |



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JAPAN TV (BILINGUAL, SPORTS, MOVIES AND MUSIC)

10:00 "Shogi" Lesson/NHK Trophy "Shogi" Tournament (3)

SUN, DEC. 19

∆fternoon 12:00 "Go" Lesson/NHK Trophy "Go" Tournament (3)

3:00 2004 Japan Equestrian Champion ships (3)

4:00 Asian Japan Oki Final Round (10) an Okinawa Open Golf

4:00 Japan Karate Championships (1) 5:30 Auto Racing: Japan GT Champion-

shin (12) Evening

7:00 News (1)

8:55 PGA Tour: 2004 Scandinavian Masters Highlights (42)

9:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony Orchestra — Haydn's Symphony Orchestra — Haydn's Symphony No. 86, Op. 86 in D Major/Prokofiev's Classical Sym-phony, Op. 25 (3)

9:00 U.S. Movie (1997): Face/Off (1:54)(10)

10:00 Classical Music: 2004 NHK Music Festival Highlights — Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6 — Royal Concertgebou Orchestra (conductor: Mariss Jan-sons)/Beethoven's Symphony

TUE, DEC. 21

Morning

Afternoon

5:50 News (6)

7:00 News (1)

10:00 News (1)

10:00 Nikita (42)

Evening

12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12)

No. 9 "Coral" - Czech Philhar-

monic Orchestra (conductor: Zdenek Macal)(3)

12:45 Japan College Football: The 59th Mainichi-Koshien Bowl — Rikkyou Univ. vs. Hosei Univ. (6)

12:57 World Folk Music: Africa, Mon-golia, Mexico, Brazil & Argentina (1)(r)

1:25 Soccer: Serie A - Fiorentina vs. Chieho (8)

MON. DEC. 20

1:30 U.S. Movie (1985): Police Acade-my 2: First Assignment (2:00)(12)

1:10 Thunderbirds (1)(r)

11:30 Friends (42)

1:30 U.S. Movie (1986): Police Acade my 3: Back in Training (2:00)(12)

5:50 News (6) Evening

7:00 NHK News (1) 7:30 What I Like About You (3)

10:00 News (1) WED. DEC. 22

12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12)

1:30 U.S. Movie (2000): Santa Who? (2:00)(12)

5:50 News (6) Evening 7:00 NHK News (1)

12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 7:25 Simple Rules (3) 10:00 News (1) 10:00 America's Top 40 (42) 1:41 U.S. Movie (1999): Notting Hill

2:29 U.S. Movie (1993): Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit (2:01)(4) 3:30 Classical Music (1)(r) 3:18 TV Series: Bull (6)

THU, DEC. 23

Morning 6:45 Retween the Lions (3)

7:30 Disney (12)

9:00 Santa and the Tooth Fairles (3) 9:30 Japan Music Contest: Violin (3) 11:30 WAC Rally Championship (12)

∆fternoon 3:00 Japan Wrestling Championshins

5:50 News (6)

Evening

7:00 NHK News (1)

9:30 U.S. Movie (2000): The Presi-dent's Man (1:54)(12) 10:00 News (1)

12:39 X-Trail JAM 2004 — Snowboarding World Championship Tokyo Dome (4)

1:00 Traditional Arts of Japan: Dance (3)(r) 1:55 Football CX: Serie A/P mier/Liga Digest (8) 1:05 Japan Emperor's Cup Soccer: 2:18 NEL Club (4) 3:20 Japan Junior High School Ekiden (marathon relay)(3) 2:30 U.S. Movie (2000): Frequency

3:00 British Movie (1999): Robbie the Reindeer: Hooves of Fire/Robbie the Reindeer: Legend of the Lost (1:10)(12)

FRI, DEC. 24

Morning 7:30 Disney (12) Afternoon

5:50 News (6)

MTV

7:00 NHK News (1) 8:30 Planet Rugby (42) 9:00 Football Mundial (42) 10:00 News (1)

SAT, DEC. 25

10:30 Japan Senior High School Soc cer Championship Preview (4)

6:30 Japan Rugby: IBM vs. World (42)

8:10 Japan Rugby: Kubota vs. Ricoh

1:15 British Open Golf Highlights (10)

1:55 U.S. Movie (1999): Election (6) 2:56 NFL: Teams To Be Determined (4)

3:20 Hong Kong Movie (2003): Inner Senses (1:40)(12)

4:30 Retween the Lions (3)

12:25 NBA Magazine (1)

Evening

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

7:00 News (1)

1:00 E.R. VIII (1)

Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 8:00 Kylie Minogue Special: 0 8:00 Making the Video: Ja Rule 9:00 Rock On 3:10 Hong Kong Movie (1999): Fly Me to Polaris (1:50)(12) 4:00 Classical Music (1)(r)

9:30 Screen 10:00 Rocks 11:00 YATAI

11:00 YATAN
Afternoon
12:00 Best of MTV Artist Special: Ly
Yellow Card, Lloyd Banks, Avril
3:00 Lavigne, Beastle Boys, Green Day
3:00 Lavigne, Beastle Boys, Green Day
3:00 Logist Developed La Rule
4:00 Catch SUNDAY Evening 6:00 World Chart Express Supported

8:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry 10:00 Cool Christmas 2004 11:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 Artist Special Special
1:00 JAMMED: Blink 182
1:30 Live: The Hives
2:00 Classic 90's
(Off the air for a maintenance between 3-6 a.m.)

MON, DEC. 20

Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 7:00 M Size Friday 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music 11:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 #1-#2

11:35 TV Series: Friends the Final 3:40 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Holland

1:00 Classw: 1:30 Top Choice 2:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 Punk'd #1-#2 3:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 Live Spe-cial #1-#2: Radiohead, Coldplay, The Darkness & Franz Ferdinand

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SUN, DEC. 19

ning J.S. Movie (2002): Anna's Dream (1:27) 11:00 U.S. Movie (2003): The Life of David Gale (2:15)

d Dangers —
Evening
6:10 U.S. Movie (2002): Far from Heaven (1:55)
8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Solaris (1:44)
5:00 U.S. Moving: IBF Junior Welter-

12:00 Pro Boxing: IBF Junior Welter-weight Championship — Kostya Tszu vs. Sharmba Mitchell 2:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Croatia vs. England 4:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola

MON, DEC. 20 Morning 7:30 Oswald #9

7:30 Oswald #8 10:00 French-U.S. Movie (2002): Femme Fatale (1:57) Afternoon 12:00 TV Series: Third Watch 1:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Knockaround Guys (1:34)

uuys (1:54) 2:40 U.S. Movie (1978): The Deer Hunt-er (3:05)

er (3:05)
Evening
6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola
10:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Critical Assembly (1:30)
11:30 South Park #102
12:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola
2:30 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Swiss vs.
France

France 0 U.S. Movie (1968): Rosemary's Baby (2:20) 4:30

TUE, DEC 21

9:15 World New

11:15 CNN News

2:15 ARC Nows

3:15 CNN Nows

Evening 6:15 CNN News

9:15 Economic News 10:10 2004 Japanese Major Leaguers (1): Hideki Matsui

4:15 World Ne 5:15 Asian Ne

Afternoon 12:15 What's on Asia (r)

7/30 USWald #10 8/800 U.S. Movie (1955): The Trouble with Harry (1:45) 10:00 U.S. British-irish Movie (2002): 9:50 U.S. Movie (2002): Our America (1:40) Afternoon

8:00 Hong Kong-U.S. Movie (2002): So Close (1:55)

Close (1:55)
Afternoon
12:00 TV Series: Third Watch
1:00 British-Australian-German Movie
(2001): Charlotte Gray (2:10)
3:10 Spanish Movie (2001): Intacto
(1:50)

(1:50)

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6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola
9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation - Miami 2
10:00 U.S. Movie (1986): Pretty in Pink
(1:40)

(1:40) 2:20 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Italy vs. Bulgaria

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Morning

12:00 TV Series: Third Watch 1:00 Belgium-French Movie (2002): Le Fils (1:45) 3:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Queen of the Damned (1:50)

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vs. Sweden 5:25 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola

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Morning 7:45 Chinese-U.S. Movie (2001): Big Shot's Funeral (1:47)

2:30 U.S. Movie (2003): Dreamcatcher (2:20) 4:50 U.S. Movie (2002): Signs (1:50)

Evening 6:40 U.S. Movie (2003): Alien Hunter

(1:34)
8:20 U.S. Movie (2002): Sniper 2 (1:34)
1:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: German vs. Czech (r)
3:00 Pro Boxing: IBF Junior Welterweight Championship — Kostya Tszu vs. Sharmba Mitchell (r)
5:25 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola

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/ie (2003): National Secu

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vs. Latvia 5:50 U.S. Movie (2003): Special Forces (1:40) SAT, DEC. 25

Morning 9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Inves-tigation — Miami 2 10:30 U.S. Movie (1947): Miracle on 34th Street (1:40)

Afternoon 4:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Portugal

vs. England

Evening

8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): My Big Fat
Greek Wedding (1:40)

9:40 TV Series: My Big Fat Life #1

10:10 U.S. Movie (2002): Trapped
(1:47)

2:15 TV Series: Sex and the City

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4:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Austin Powers

in Goldmember (1:40)

9:15 Economic News 10:10 2004 Japanese Major Leaguers (8): Jehiro

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Morning 6:10 Triathlon World Cup 8:10 World News 9:10 What's On Japan (r) 10:10 BS Documentary: Evolving AIDS Virus (r)

∆fternoon 12:00 CNN News

12:30 Weekly NFL 1:00 Emperor's Cup Soccer Champion-ship: Quarterfinal #1 3:00 Emperor's Cup Soccer Champion-ship: Quarterfinal #2

5:10 X-Games (r) 5:50 CNN News Evening

Full Emperor's Cup Soccer Champion-ship: Quarterfinal #3 9:10 Emperor's Cup Soccer Champion-ship: Quarterfinal #4 12:10 CNN News

12:20 BS Sports Weekly (r) 1:10 Soccer AFC Champior Final Highlights (r) ns League:

4:10 Railway Adventures across U.S.A. (r)

3:30 World Amazing Sports TUE, DEC. 21

ia Eagles 2:15 Asian News

9:15 World Naws

10:10 2004 Japanese Major Leaguers (1): Hideki Matsui (r)

11:15 NFL: Dallas Cowbovs vs. Phila-

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Afternoon

2:15 ABC News

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9:15 Economic News
10:10 2004 Japanese Major Leaguers
(2): Hideo Nomo
10:35 2004 Japanese Major Leaguers
(3): Tomokazu Ohka
11:15 NFL: New England Patriots vs.
Miami Dolphins ka nd Patriots vs.

2:15 Asian News 3:30 World Amazing Sports

WED. DEC. 22

Morning 9:15 World News 10:10 2004 Japanese Major Leagu (2): Hideo Nomo/2004 Japane Major Leaguers (3): Tomokazu Ohka (r)

11:15 CNN News Afternoon 12:15 CNN News 2:15 PBS NewsHour 3:15 CNN News

Evening 6:15 CNN News 9:15 Economic News

5:15 Asian News

10:10 2004 Japanese Major Leaguers (4): Kazuo Matsui 10:35 2004 Japanese Major Leaguers (5): Kazuhisa Ishii (5): Kazunisa Ishii 11:15 NBA: New Jersey Nets vs. Char-lotte Bobcats

1:10 Exciting Sports 3:30 World Amazing Sports

4:15 Asian News 5:10 World News

6:10 World News
7:10 World News
8:10 World News Hour
9:10 World News
10:10 2004 Japanese Major League
(4): Kazuo Matsui/Japane
Major Leaguers (5): Kazuhi
Ishii (r)

11:15 CNN News

Afternoon 12:10 CNN News 2:10 PBS NewsHou 3:10 CNN News 4:10 World News

Evening

6:10 CNN News 7:10 Figure Skating GP Series: GP Final (2): Men's Singles 8:10 Figure Skating GP Series: GP Final (3): Pairs 7:10 Figure Skating GP Series: GP Final (3): Pairs 7:10 Figure Skating GP Series: GP Final (3): Pairs

10:10 2004 Japanese Major Leaguers (6): Shingo Takatsu 2:15 Asian News 3:30 World Amazing Sports 10:35 2004 Japanese Major Leaguers (7): Akinori Otsuka 4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News

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Afternoon 12:15 ABC News 12:35 HV Golf 2:15 PBS NewsHour 3:15 CNN News

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SAT, DEC. 25

Morning 8:10 World News 9:10 World News 10:10 World Reports (r) 11:10 History of FIFA (r) 11:40 CNN News Afternoon

12:10 World Horse Racing 3:10 2004 Gymnastics World Cup Final 5:10 Emperor's Trophy Soccer Tourna-ment: Semifinal #1

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Evening
7:10 Emperor's Trophy Soccer Tournament: Semifinal #2
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Evening

5:00 PGA Golf

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MON, DEC. 20

10:00 Classical Music: Wien Trombone Quar-tet (r)

Afternoon 3:00 German Movie (1921): Der Mude Tod (1:40) 1:30 British-French Movie (1968): Mayerling (2:10)

TUE, DEC. 21

10:00 Classical Music: Russian Brass Concert Afternoon

2:40 U.S. Movie (1959): Solomon and the Sheba (2:25) Evening

7:00 NHK News 1:30 Italian-British Movie (1999): Tea with 1:30 U.S. Movie (1958): Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Evening

WED, DEC. 22 10:00 Classical Music: Eight Horn Players of Berlin Philharmony (r)

3:00 Italian-U.S. Movie (1961): Sodoma e Gomorra (1:55)

7:00 NHK News

THU, DEC. 23

3:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony Orches-tra Concert: Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D Minor "Choral" 7:00 NHK News 2:00 French Movie (1999): La Bushe (1:45)

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12:30 Classical Music: Opera de Paris —
"Sleeping Beauty"(r)

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Evening

7:00 NHK News

1:10 U.S. Movie (1996): The First Wives Club (1:45)

AM WEEKLY RADIO

JAPAN - KANTO

Morning (Sun) 7:05 Religious Pro 7:05 Religious Programming 9:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz)

4:00 A Prairie Home Companion Evening 6:00 Focus on the Family 6:30 Travel Radio 7:00 Dr. Laura 8:00 Beale Street Caravan

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5:00 Pere Gold (Oldies)
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130 Paul Harvey News and Commentary 7:20 Pacific Report 7:24 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story 7:28 Eagle 810 News 7:30 Zama Commander's Corner (1st Friday) Yokota Commander's Corner (2nd & 4th Fri-day) Yokota/USFJ Chief's Corner (3rd Friday) 10:00 Retro Café (70s, 80s, 90s)

Afternoon 12:05 Pacific Report

12:05 Pacific Report
12:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary
12:21 Air Force Radio News
12:21 Air Force Radio News
2:00 Top 40 Music
3:00 Traffic Jamz (Current Chart Hits)
4:05 Pacific Report
4:07 AIN Sportspage
4:12 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story

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6:00 From the Bench Live Sports (Wed)
7:00 MPR's Morning Edition LIVE
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9:00 The Touch (Urban): Mon/Country
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1200 -Rock (Alternative)
2:00 -Rock (Alternative)
2:00 Sports Overnight America
4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation LIVE
Morning (Sat)
6:00 NPR's All Things Considered LIVE
8:05 Car Talk
9:00 New Newsords 9:00 Kim Komando 10:00 Classic Rock

Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40 4:00 Z-Rock (Alternative) Evening 6:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night 7:00 The Touch (Urban)

12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative) 2:00 Sports Overnight America 4:00 Adult Contemporary **POWER 1575** Morning (Sun) 7:00 NPR: All Things Considered 8:00 Rush Limbaugh 9:00 Parent's Journal 10:00 Chef's Table 11:00 Sports Overnight America

12:00 Adult Rock 4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) 4:00 For County
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3:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) Morning (Mon-Fri) 6:00 Morning Air Strike 6:30 Paul Harvey News 7:10 Horoscope

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2:36 Pacific Report 3:30 Paul Harvey News 3:40 AFN Sportspage 4:00 Departure Time Evening 6:00 NPR: Fresh Air 7:00 The Pock

7:00 The Rock Show (Mon)/Old School (Thu)/The Mosh Pit (Fri) 12:00 Adult Rock Morning (Sat) 6:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) 10:00 Soundbarrier

Afternoon 2:00 Rick Dee's Weekly Ton 40 Evening 6:00 NPR: All Things Considered 7:00 The Jim Ro 8:00 The Touch 12:00 Z-Rock 5:00 Hot Jazz

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12:00 Urban M 3:00 "The Rusi Evening 6:00 Classic Rock 9:00 Top 40

Afternoon 1:00 All Things Considered 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network 5:00 WFMT Jazz

7:00 Weekly Edition 8:00 Rewind 8:30 Savs You

9:00 Weekend Edition Saturday 11:00 Car Talk (call in) 12:00 Reale Street Caravan 1:00 Weekend Edition Saturday 3:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night

KOREA

EAGLE FM Morning (Sun)

12:00 7-Rock 4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 8:00 Christian Contemporary 9:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 10:00 Saturday Night 80's

12:00 Bob Kingsley's Country Count-4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary Evening

9:00 7-Rock Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 Z-Rock

5:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Uijong-bu, Kunsan, Taegu and Osan) 10:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Taegu and Osan) 1:00 Bright Adult Contemporary

3:00 Live Local Show (Korea-wide Evening 6:00 Adult Rock

Morning (Saturday)

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6:00 Matt in the Morning

9:00 Hot AC Afternoon 12:00 Classic Rock 3:00 Edge Afternoon Radio Evening 6:00 Country

Morning (Fri) 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock

9:00 FlashBack

Afternoon 12:00 Classic Rock 1:00 Inside The Line 3:00 That Country S

Evening 6:00 Classic Rock 8:00 R&B 10:00 Hot AC

Morning (Sat) 12:00 Z-Rock

2:00 Classic Rock

8:00 Car Talk 9:00 Saturday Retro

Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees

Evening 6:00 Jim R

7:00 Z-Rock

3:00 Nuestra Musi 5:00 Kim Komando

THUNDER RADIO 1575

Morning (Sunday) 12:00 Top 40 4:00 Soft Hits 7:00 Religious Programming 10:00 Focus on the Family 10:30 The Environmental Show 11:00 Savvy Traveler

Afternoon 12:00 American C 4:00 Top 40 Evening 6:00 Classic Rock 9:00 Z Rock

Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 Soft Hits

3:00 Oldies 5:00 Rush Limbaugh

6:00 Morning Drive 9:00 Country

12-00 Urban Music (Tue and Thu)

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4:00 Hot AC

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Afternoon Arternoon 12:00 Rick Dees American Top 40 4:00 Nuestra Musica 5:00 Country Evening 8:00 Urban

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Thunder AM Morning (Sun) 12:00 Country 5:00 NPR Weekly Edition 7:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 10:00 Nuestra Musica

Afternoon 12:00 Oldies Radio 4:00 Sports Overnight America Evening 6:00 NPR Car Talk 7:00 Prairie Home Companion 8:00 NPR Weekend Edition Sunday 11:00 Country Morning (Mon)

12:00 Country 5:00 NPR 5:00 NPR 7:00 Morning Report 7:30 This Week with Sam & Cokie 8:00 Oldies Radio Afternoon

12:00 Noon Report 12:35 News & Views 1:00 Dr. Laura 2:00 Country 5:00 Jim Rome Show 5:00 Jim Rome Show Evening 6:00 Evening Report 6:35 Sports Byline 7:00 Rush Limbaugh 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition

10:00 Country
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8:00 NPR's Morning Edition 10:00 Co Morning (Sat) 12:00 Country 12:00 Country 12:00 NPR All Things Considered 7:00 Oldies Radio Afternoon 12:00 Country 4:00 Sports Overnight America **Evening** 6:00 Country 7:00 Rush Limbaugh

8:00 Country 9:00 National Public Radio OKINAWA

SURF 648 AM Morning (Sunday) 6:00 Adult Rock (cont.) Afternoon 2:00 Sports Overnight America (live)

7:00 Ben Maller & Jason Smith – Sports (live) 12:00 Country Morning (Mon) 7:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live) 8:00 Adult Rock 8:00 Adult ROCK 11:00 Jim Lampley (live) Sports Afternoon

12:00 Steve Schlanger 1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded) ult Pock 2:00 Adult Rock 4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded) 5:00 Sports Overnight America

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2:00 Country
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6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)
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11:00 FOX Sports
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Afternoon 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded) 1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded) 2:00 Adult Rock 2:00 Adult Rock 4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded) 5:00 Sports Overnight America

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Evening
8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)
11:00 Country (live)
Morning (Fri)
6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)
8:00 Country
11:00 FOX Sports

Afternoon 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded) 1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded)

1:45 Paul Harvey 2:00 Country 4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded) 5:00 Sports Overnight America

Evening 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live) 11:00 Country (live)

11:00 Country (live)
Morning (Sat)
8:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)
10:00 Adult Rock
Afternoon
12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded)
1:00 Adult Rock
3:00 Sports Overnight America (live)

Evening 6:00 Adult Rock (Note: The Schedule is subject to change due to sports schedules.)

FM WEEKLY RADIO

JAPAN — YOKOTA

FM CABLE Radio Services (On Base Only) Z-Rock (Alternative) 90.3 FM Eagle 810 (Variety) 90.7 FM National Pubic Radio (News. Talk) 91 3 FM

Bright AC (Pop) 91.7 FM Adult Rock (Classic Rock) 92.3 The Touch (Urban) 92.7 FM

Country 93.3 FM Pure Gold (Oldies) 93.7 FM Hot AC (Today's Hits) 94.3 FM National Public Radio

Morning (Sun) 6:00 Weekend All Things Considered 8:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night 11:00 Piano Jazz

Afternoon 12:00 Reathouan Natwork 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered 2:00 Dialogue

2:30 Uncommon Knowledge 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network

Evening 6:00 Wait. Wait Don't Tell Me 7:00 A Prairie Home Companion

9:00 Weekend Edition Sunday 11:00 Justice Talking 12:00 Fresh Air Weekend 1:00 This American Life 2:00 Le Show with Harry Shearer 4:00 Newseum Radio

5:00 Weekly Edition

Morning (Mon) 6:00 Weekend All Things Consid 8:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network

Afternoon 12:00 Car Talk 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered 2:00 Fresh Air Weekend

3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network Evening 6:00 Morning Edition 11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in) 12:00 The Connection (call in)

1:00 Fresh Air 2-00 Wait Wait Don't Tell Me 3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in) 5:00 All Things Considered

Morning (Tue-Fri) 7:00 The World 8:00 Marketolace

8:30 Says You (Tue) Latino USA (Wed) Living on Earth (Thu) Uncommon Knowledge (Fri) Rewind (Sat) 9:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network

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Morning (Sat) 7:00 The World 8:00 Marketolace

9:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network

Evening 6:00 Thistle & Shamrock

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9:00 Adult Rock

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Morning (Sat) 12:00 Z-Rock

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8:00 Urban Adult Contemporary

5:00 Bright Adult Contemporary

12:00 Bright Adult Contemporary

8:00 Saturday Morning Wake-up (Korea-wide)

Afternoon 12:00 American Country Cou 4:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC)

Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 Adult Rock 5:00 Morning Show (live) 9:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) 11:00 Wave Break (live) Afternoon

1:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) 2:00 Afternoon Show (live) Evening 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) 10:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC)

Morning (Sat) 12:00 Adult Rock 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) 8:00 Saturday Show (live) 11:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)

Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40 4:00 Adult Rock

6:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC)

AM RADIO SPORTS AND SPECIALS

SUN DEC 19 Morning

3:30 NFL Football: Pittsburgh Steelers at New York Glants 7:00 NFL Football: Washington Redskins at San Francisco 49ers 10:30 NFL Football: Carolina Panthers at Atlanta Falcons

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MON, DEC. 20 Morning

3:00 NFL Football: Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs

10:30 NFL Football: Sunday Night Football - Baltimore Ravens at Indianac lis Colts TUE, DEC. 21

Morning

11:00 NFL Football: Monday Night Football - New England Patriots at Miami

WED, DEC. 22 Morning

9:45 College Football: Syracuse Orangemen at Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets

KOREA

SUN, DEC. 19

Morning 3:30 NFL Football: Pittsburgh Steelers at New York Giants 7:00 NFL Football: Washington Redskins at San Francisco 49ers 10:30 NFL Football: Carolina Panthers at Atlanta Falcons

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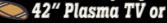
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WED, DEC. 22 Morning

9:45 College Football: Syracuse Orangemen at Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets



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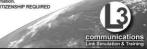
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AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m.-NFL: ESPN Saturday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-College basketball: Ken-tucky at Louisville. AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.-NFL: CBS The NFL

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AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.-NFL: Minnesota at De AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.-NFL: Seattle at N.Y.

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AFN-Sports, AFN radio Okinawa, Korea, 10:30 a.m.-NFL: Baltimore at Indianapolis. AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.-NFL: ESPN NFL Prime-

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AFN-Sports, 5:30 p.m.-Golf: Three-Tour Challenge (dld).

AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-College basketball: North Carolina at Virginia Tech (dld).

AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.-College basketball: Florida State at Maryland (dld).

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Pro football NFL

Washington at San Francisco Carolina at Atlanta Sunday's games Houston at Chicago Minnesota at Detroit Seattle at N.Y. Jets

Denver at Kansas City Buffalo at Cincinnati bullas at Chicimati Dallas at Philadelphia San Diego at Cleveland St. Louis at Arizona. New Orleans at Tampa Bay Jacksonville at Green Bay. Tennessee at Oakland Baltimore at Indianapolis

Monday's game New England at Miami Friday's games Friday s yarma Green Bay at Minnesota Saturday, Dec. 25 Oakland at Kansas City

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Carolina at Tampa Bay Cleveland at Miami Monday, Dec. 27 Philadelphia at St. Louis

College football

Division I-A playoffs

Championship Friday, Dec. 17 ey Stadium/Davenport Fleru Chattanooga, Tenn. dison (12-2) vs. Montana (12-2) lames Mar

Division III playoffs

Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 Stagg Bowl At Salem Stadium Salem, Va.
Mary Hardin-Baylor (13-1) vs Linfield, Ore.
(12-0)

NAIA playoffs

Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 At Jim Carroll Stadium Hardin County, Tenn. St. Francis, Ind. (13-0) vs. Carroll, Mont. (11-2)

College basketball

AP Men's Top 25 schedule

No. 2 Kansas vs. South Carolina No. 3 Georgia Tech vs. No. 22 Gonzaga at the Thomas & Mack Center, Las Vegas No. 4 Oklahoma State at UNIV No. 6 Wake Forest vs. No. 14 Texas Source Sarder vs. No. 14 Texas Source Sarder vs. No. Oklahoma at Madison

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No. 1 Illinois vs. Valparaiso No. 5 North Carolina at Virginia Tech No. 11 Connecticut vs. Rice No. 12 North Carolina State at No. 18 Wash-

No. 23 Maryland vs. Florida State

Thursday's men's scores

EAST Catawba 81, Bluefield St. 67 Mount Vernon Nazarene 84, Roberts Wes-leyan 73

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Arkansas 96, Tennessee St. 68 Houston 78, New Orleans 65 Houston Baptist 22, SW Assemblin Newman 64, Incarnate Word 58 North Texas 95, Southern U. 73 Ohio St. 77, Texas Tech 71 Rice 81, Lamar 75 SMU 77, Reviews North Texas 95, Southern U. 73 Ohio St. 77, Texas Tech 71 Rice 81, Lamar 75 SMU 77, Baylor 43 SW Oklahoma 59, Trinity, Texas 53 Texas Lutheran 88, Austin 46 Texas-Pan American 82, Texas-Permian Basin 45

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3. Duke (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20
4. Texas (5-2) beat North Texas 79-54. Next: vs. Texas-Ariington, Tuesday, Dec. 21.
5. North Carolina (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia State at Myrtle Beach, S.C., Sun-

day.
6. Baylor (8-1) did not play. beat Washington 74-58. Next: vs. Florida, Sunday.
7. Notre Dame (9-1) did not play. Next: at Marquette. Sunday.

Marquette, Sunday.
8. Connecticut (4-1) did not play. Next: at No. 23 Arizona State, Tuesday, Dec. 21.
9. Tennessee (6-2) did not play. beat Louisiana Tech 70-59.
10. Ohio State (9-1) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Saturday.

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18. Maryland (7-1) did not play. Next: vs.

Coppin State, Monday, Dec. 20.

19. Houston (9-0) beat Hawaii 66-55.

20. Purdue (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. No.

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21. DePaul (7-2) did not play. beat North-rn Illinois 7-59.

22. Rutgers (5-2) did not play. beat North-rn Illinois 7-59.

23. Artzona State (7-1) did not play. Next: 17-20. Page 10-10.

24. Iowa (8-0) did not play. Next: at Drake, Saturday. 25. Kansas State (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama at Springfield, Mo., Saturday.

Thursday's women's scores

EAST Bluefield St. 68, W. Virginia St. 53 Clemson 80, Wagner 50 Long Island U. 68, New Orleans 55 SOUTH Anderson, S.C. 86, Francis Marion 59 Angelachian St. 65, Campbell 45
Coastal Carolina 73, Savannah St. 45
Fla. International 68, Northwestern 55
James Madison 75, Charleston Southe
Louisville 77, Alabama St. 46 Louisville 77, Alabama St. 46 Mississippi 106, Grambling St. 64 Mississippi St. 71, SE Louisiana 45 N.C. State 75, South Carolina 48 N.C. -Asheville 79, N. Carolina A&T 59 Nicholls St. 97, Davenport 65

Nicholls St. 97, Davenport 65 Webber 67, Palm Beach Atlantic 59 MIDWEST Augustana, S.D. 91, Dakota Weslyn 55 Dartmouth 74, III.-Chicago 71 Minot St. 60, Dickinson St. 58 Northwood, Mich. 65, St. Francis, Ind. Oral Roberts 73, Wichita St. 57 Rockford 75, Dubuque 71 cie Ind 61 Washburn 73, Evangel 42 Wisconsin 104, Santa Clara SOUTHWEST

SOUTHWEST SOUTHWEST Arkansas 82, Louisiana-Lafayette 68
Austin 67, Texas Lutheran 55
Houston Baptist 89, SW Assemblies of God 37
Lamar 69, Parile View 50
Texas 79, North Texas 54
Texas-Pan American 92, Texas-Permian asin 45

Arizona 96, UC Santa Barbara 80

Houston 66, Hawaii 55 Texas A&M-Corous Christi 75, Nevada 52

Baseball

Free agent signings

NEW YORK — The 76 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club it different, and contract. The contract infor-mation was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources: AMERICAN LEAGUE

AMAHEIM (3) — Signed Steve Finley, of, Los Angeles, to a \$14 million, two-year contract; signed Esteban Yan, rhp, Detroit, to a \$2.25 million, two-year contract; signed Paul Byrd, rhp, Atlanta, to a \$4.5 million, one-year con-

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tract; signed Jonn Malama, Inp, to a \$1 million, one-year contract.

CHICAGO (2) — Signed Dustin Hermanson, rhp, San Francisco, to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract; signed Jermaine Dye, of, Oakland, to a \$10.15 million, two-year contract

CEVELAND (2) — Re-signed Bob Wick-man, rhp, to a \$2.75 million, one-year con-tract: signed Jose Hernandez, 2b, Los Ange-jes, to a \$1.8 million, one-year contract. DETROIT (1) — Signed Troy Percival, rhp, Anaheim, to a \$12 million, two-year con-

KANSAS CITY (1) — Re-signed Kevin Appi-r. rhp. to a minor league contract

er, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$500,000). MINNESOTA (4) — Signed Juan Castro, 3b Cincinnati, to a \$2.05 million, two-year con-tract: signed Mike Redmond, c, Florida, to a \$1.8 million, two-year contract; re-signed Brad Radke, rhp, to an \$18 million, two-year contract; re-signed Terry Mulholland, lhp, to a minor league contract (\$750,000).

NEW YORK (1) — Re-signed John Flaherty, to an \$800,000, one-year contract. SEATILE (2) — Re-signed Dan Wilson, c, to \$1.75 million, one-year contract; signed tichie Sexson, 1b, Arizona, to a \$50 million,

Richie Sexson, Ib, Arizona, to a 550 million, for year contract, resigned Doug Brocall, rho, to a \$1 million, one-year contract; signed and \$40 million, one-year contract; signed \$40 million, one-year contract; signed \$40 million, one-year contract; \$550,000, one-year contract; \$550,000; one-year contract; \$550,000; one-year contract \$555,000; one-year contract \$555,000; signed Richard Hidalgo, of, New York Mets, to TSUM TO A STAN T

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MONTREAL (3) — Signed Cristian Guzman,
s, Minnesota, to a \$16.8 million, four-year
contract; signed Vinny Castilla, 3b, Coloado, to a \$6.2 million, two-year contracts
signed Wil Cordero, of, Florida, to a \$600,000,

signed wil Cordero, of, Horida, to a \$500,000 one-year contract.

NEW YORK (3) — Re-signed Kris Benson, rhp, to a \$2.25 million, three-year contract: re-signed Mike Delean, rhp, to a \$1.15 million, one-year contract; signed Pedro Martinez, rhp, Boston, to a \$53 million, four-year

PHILADELPHIA (3) — Re-signed Cory Lidle, rhp, to a \$53 million, two-year contract, signed Todd Pratt, to a \$57.000, one-year signed Todd Pratt, to a \$57.000, one-year contract signed for the property of the

JAPANESE CENTRAL LEAGUE

YOMIURI (1) — Signed Gabe Kapler, of, Bo on, to a one-year contract Remaining free agents

NEW YORK (AP) — The 131 remaining free agents (a-offered arbitration and may nego-itate with former team through Jan. & players have until Dec. 19 to accept offers):

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANAHEIM (3) — Andres Galarraga, dr; blane Halter, 3b; Aaron Sele, fordova, dh; Danar Daal, lihe; Buddy Groom, lihp; David Danar Daal, lihp; Buddy Groom, lihp; David

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NEW YORK (9) — Miguel Cairo, 2b; Tony
Jark, Ib; a-Orlando Hernandez, rhp; Travis
ee, Ib; Esteban Loaiza, rhp; C.J. Nitkowski,
hp; John Olerud, 1b; a-Ruben Sierra, dh; Enique Wilson, 2b. rique Wilson, 2b.

OAKLAND (3) — Chris Hammond, lhp; Jim Mecir, rhp; Mark McLemore, 2b.

SEATTLE (2) — Edgar Martinez, dh; a-Ron

TAMPA BAY (4) - Brook Fordyce, c; Tino fartinez. 1b: Todd Ritchie, rhp: Rev Sanchez, 2b.

TEXAS (9) — a-David Dellucci, of: Andy
Fox, 3b; Brad Fullmer, dh; Rusty Greer, of:
Brian Jordan, of: Jeff Nelson, rhp; Herbert
Perry, dh; Jay Powell, rhp; Jeff Zimmerman,

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White, lhp.

COLORADO (6) — Jeromy Burnitz, of;
Shawn Estes, lhp; a-Todd Greene, c; Steve
Reed, rhp; Mark Sweeney, of; a-Jamey

Vright, rhp.

FLORIDA (5) — Chad Fox, rhp; Josias Man-anillo, rhp; Mike Mordecai, 3b; a-Carl Pa-HOUSTON (3) — a-Carlos Beltran, of; Dan diceli, rhp; Darren Oliver, lhp.

HOUSTON (1) — a Carlos Betran (r) Dan (1) — (1)

ck, Zb.

SAN DIEGO (6) — Andy Ashby, rhp; Rich Au-ilia, ss; Robert Fick, dh; Alex Gonzalez, ss; lave Hansen, 1b; Antonio Osuna, rhp.
SAN FRANCISCO (3) — Dave Burba, rhp; -Jason Christiansen, lhp; Robb Nen, rhp.

Deals

Thursday's transactions BASEBALL American League AHEIM ANGELS -- Added INF Kendry Moto 40-man roster. Designated RHP ty Jenks for assignment.

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CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms ith INF Juan Uribe on a three-year contract. with INF Juan Uribo on a three-year contract. KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Traded RiPl Jorge Vasquez to Atlanta for OF Eli Marrero and cash. Traded C Benito Santiago and cash to Pittsburgh for RiPl Leo Nunez and a player to be named or cash. MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with LIPT erry Mulholland on a minor-league con-

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Hudson to Atlanta for LIPI Dan Meyer, RIPI
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National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with
RIP John Smoltz on a two-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Named Answorth A.
Allen team physician and Struan Coleman
and Andrew Perle assistant team physi-

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Placed G Erick Strick nd on the injured list.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Waived G

ieno Carlisle.

TORONTO RAPTORS—Waived G Roger
Mason Jr. . n's National Basketball Association WNBA-Named Dee Kantner supervisor of officials.

COLLEGE EAST CAROLINA—Named Greg Hudson deensive coordinator. ELON-Named Darren Powell men's soc-

cer coach.
FLORIDA—Named John Holliday to the foot-hall coaching staff. all coaching start.

GEORGE MASON—Named Scot Budde as-istant swimming and diving coach.

HILBERT—Named Randy Cialone baseball

MANHATTAN—Named Michael Swanick men's soccer coach and Sean Driscoll wom-en's soccer coach. MISSISSIPPI—Named Ed Orgeron football

oacn. MORAVIAN-Named Scott Sullivan men's assistant lacrosse coach.

NORFOLK STATE—Fired Willie Gillus, foot-

pall coach.

OHIO—Named Frank Solich football coach.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Named John Thompson defensive coordinator.

SOUTHERN CAL—Named Rick Majerus
nen's basketball coach, effective April 1.
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI—Announced bas-

ketball G Solomon Brown has taken an indef-inite leave of absence.

Miller fourth in WC super-G

The Associated Press

VAL GARDENA, Italy — Bode Miller finished fourth in a World Cup super giant slalom Friday in which Michael Walchhofer led an Austrian sweep.

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Miller has won six of 11 races
this season and holds a commanding lead in the overall standings.
Walchhofer captured a World

Cup super-G for the first time, covering the 1.5-mile course in 1 minute, 31.17 seconds. Defending overall champion Hermann Maier was second, 0.12 seconds behind, and Benjamin Raich finished third, 0.47 seconds

back. Miller was 0.86 seconds off Walchhofer's pace. This was the first speed event this season in which Maier has finished ahead of Miller, shaving 30 points off the American's overall lead. Miller leads Maier 780-419

Two-time defending champion Antoine Deneriaz of France finished 15th.

Walchhofer was second in the downhill on this course in each of the past three seasons. This was the third World Cup victory of his career following a



Bode Miller, has won six of 11 races and leads the overall World Cup standings by 361 points.

combined in Kitzbuehel during the 2002-03 season and a downhill in Lake Louise, Alberta.

Monty rules himself out for Euro captaincy

LONDON — Colin Montgomerie is no longer interested in becoming Europe's Ryder Cup captain.
Montgomerie, who made the winning putt in Europe's victory over the United States in September at Oakland Hills, said Friday he's withdrawing as a

candidate to captain the team in 2006.

The 41-year-old Scot said he's been told by "everybody" that he should keep playing.

"After hearing it I possibly have to agree," he said. "I think I can play in Ireland and possibly the next couple."

NHL union discredits owners' financial claims

BY IRA PODELL

NEW YORK — The NHL players' association is taking its case

public.

Annoyed and dismayed by financial figures they call "absolutely ridiculous," NHLPA officials
sought to discredit projections
that the NHL made when it reject-

ed the union's proposal for a new collective bargaining agreement. The NHL lockout reached its 93rd day Friday and has wiped out 430 regular-season games, plus the 2005 All-Star Game.

Negotiations broke off Tuesday after the NHL rejected a players' proposal that featured a 24-percent salary rollback. The league handed back a salary cap-structured counteroffer that also was turned down during the 3½-hour meeting in Toronto. "They based their reaction to our significant proposal by saying they'd be right back where they were. Well, that's a bunch of hogwash, "union head Bob Goodenow said. "They mixed up and diced up statistics in a blender and came out with what I think are ab-

solutely ridiculous forecasts."

No new negotiations are scheduled, leaving the NHL perilously close to becoming the first North American sports league to lose a season to a labor dispute.

"It is a lockout that's going to extend for an awful long time if the parties aren't able to try to work together," Goodenow said.

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Although no drop-dead date has been set, there figures to be about a month of negotiating time left to save the season. The lockout during the 1994-95 season ended on Jan. 11 and allowed for a 48-game regular season to be played.

The players' association already believed that the NHL's financial figures were off when they saw them in the counterproposal. After a few days of crunching numbers, the union made sure to let everyone know just how wrong it feels the amounts are.

Using a three-year projection based on league numbers, the NHLPA said its offer would produce a \$275.5 million profit for teams as opposed to a \$568.5 million loss, as stated by the NHL.
"They were desperate to mis-

"They were desperate to miscoharacterize things and try to throw a high, hard one past a lot of people," Goodenow said. "That's why we've taken the time to as healt and weather wealth?"

to go back and restate reality."
The NHL countered that projected league revenues would go up 3 percent annually over the next three seasons while player costs would rise by an average of 12.1 percent.

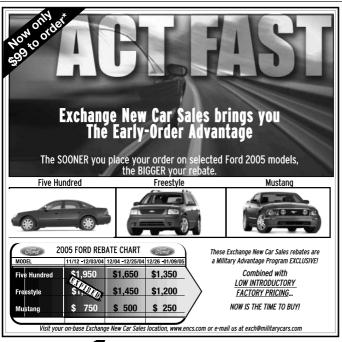
By its calculations, the league figured to lose \$71.7 million in the 2004-05 season, \$183.9 million the following season, and \$312.9 in the third year.

Goodenow said the league took its own forecast of 2004-05 revenue and increased that amount by only 3 percent, a figure far below the NHL's self-reported number of 9.4 — the amount of average growth the NHL said it had the nast 10 years.

"We stand behind the 3-percent average annual growth projection we used for our modeling, particularly for a business that will be coming out of an extended shutdown," Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer, said Thursday. "We do not believe the union's public negotiation with the media warrants any further comment."

In plugging those numbers in, the NHLPA claimed its latest proposal would generate a profit of \$58 million in the 2004-05 season, and \$91.5 million and \$126 million in subsequent years.

"We are not saying that reveues will grow by 9.4 percent or player costs by 12.1 percent in the next few years," Goodenow said. "We believe the numbers from the last five-year, post-expansion era have far greater relevance. Acording to the league's own numper team basis revenues have on average increased 7.8 percent while player costs have increased an average of 7.3 percent."











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Pats' Vinatieri all but automatic

New England kicker has won two Super Bowls, made 21 straight field goal attempts

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. - The only way to stop Adam Vinatieri from making field goals might be to keep him from kicking them.

And that approach doesn't work either because the New England Patriots score touchdowns

The kicker whose field goals won two Super Bowls has failed just once in 29 attempts this season and that came from 47 yards. He hasn't tried one in the last two games, but the Patriots won both 42-15 in Cleveland and 35-28 against Cincinnati.

"It's nice to be on the field as often as possible," Vinatieri said Thursday, "And if they're all extra points, I'm happy with that, as long as we're winning '

It's just not as exciting as when the cool Vinatieri lines up - in bright sun or snow-filled gloom, under a roof or a cloudless sky and drives field goals between the uprights in the biggest games.

"He's a guy that we count on for a lot of stuff no matter what the temperature is, what the field condition is," offensive tackle Matt Light said.

"It's ridiculous the stuff this guy kicks in and he's unfazed by

In the AFC divisional playoffs against the Oakland Raiders on Jan. 19, 2002, Vinatieri kicked a



New England Patriots' Adam Vinatieri, right, celebrates his game ning field goal with teammates Ken Walter (13) and Christian Fauria (88) in the final seconds of Super Bowl XXXVIII at Reliant Stadium in Houston, on this Feb. 1, 2004. The Patriots beat the Panthers 32-29. Vinatieri also made the game-winning kick in Super Bowl XXXVI.

45-yard field goal through falling flakes to force overtime and a 23-varder to win 16-13. Two weeks later, in the Superdome in New Orleans, his 48-yarder on the last play gave the Patriots a

20-17 Super Bowl victory over the St. Louis Rams.

In last season's playoffs, he went 5-for-5 in a 24-14 victory over Indianapolis, then broke a tie against Tennessee with 4:06

left with a 46-varder that gave the Patriots a 17-14 win. In the Super Bowl, his 41-yard kick with 4 seconds left gave New England a 32-29 victory over Carolina.

"He's come up with some dan-dies," Light said. "It doesn't matter really where we are on the field. If they're sending him out there, I feel confident.

Now the nine-year veteran, whose kickoffs also have improved, feels much better physically after dealing with back problems last season when he went 25-for-34 and 7-for-10 in the post-

The difference "is night and day," he said. "The body feels great and I've been having a fairly decent year because of it.

How about fairly amazing? Vinatieri made his first seven field-goal attempts before missing on his second kick of the game on Oct. 19 in a 24-10 victory over Miami, where New England plays on Monday night.

Since then, he's made 21 straight - four short of the team record he set in 1996-97 — although none have been game-winners because the Patriots (12-1) have been so dominant. He hasn't tried a field goal since he went 3-for-3 on a rainy Oct. 28 in a 24-3 win over Baltimore but he still leads the NFL in scoring.

"He has made some tough kicks," New England coach Bill Relichick said "The Raltimore situation. We have seen him make them in the past."

He could start making them again Monday night if the offense stalls. One of them actually might win a game, a feat he's accomplished nine times the past three seasons. Four of them came in the Patriots' six playoff games.

The Dolphins play real good defense, so you never know," Vi-natieri said. "You might be on the field kicking a lot of field goals. So you always have to be prepared. You never know when your time will be called."

Mike Vanderjagt of Indianapo-lis went 37-for-37 last season, the best single-season performance in NFL history. Olindo Mare, who will kick for Miami on Monday night, holds the league record of 39 total field goals in a season.

Vinatieri needs a big finish to challenge that

"He's one of the best kickers in the league," Patriots tight end Christian Fauria said. "Our ideal is not to have him out there that much anyway. We like to score touchdowns.

But if the Patriots fall short, Vinatieri probably won't.

"The confidence level has been pretty good," he said. "Some years you get five or six game-winners and other times you go a whole year without maybe any. But we still have three games left and the postsea-

William & Mary quarterback Campbell wins Payton Award

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. - William & Mary quarterback Lang Campbell won the Walter Payton Award on Thursday night as the top offensive player in Division I-AA. received Campbell

first-place votes and 315 points from a panel of Division I-AA sports information directors and media

Sam Houston State quarterback Dustin Long finished second with 17 first-place votes and 185 points. Appalachian State wide receiver DaVon Fowlkes finished third with eight first-place votes and 151 points Campbell, the Atlantic 10 offen-

sive player of the year, threw for 3,037 yards and 21 touchdowns, with just one interception, during the regular season. He also ran for 201 vards and seven touch-

He led William & Mary to a share of the Atlantic 10 title with a 9-2 regular season record, but the Tribe lost to James Madison in the semifinals of the Division I-AA tournament. James Madison plays Montana

for the Division I-AA championship Friday in Chattanooga

Meanwhile, Southern Illinois coach Jerry Kill won the Eddie Robinson Award as the I-AA coach of the year. In his fourth season, Kill led the Salukis to a 10-2 record and a Gateway Conference championship, posting a



league mark. Cal Pol linebacker Jor dan Beck won the Buck Buchanan Award as the top defensive player in I-AA. The 6-foot-2, 231-pound senior finished the season with 135 tackles, 18.5 tackles

perfect

for loss, 5.5 sacks and six forced Indiana hires Miami of Ohio's

Hoeppner as head coach BLOOMINGTON. Ind. Miami of Ohio's Terry Hoeppner

was hired as Indiana's football coach Friday and vowed to take the Hoosiers to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1968. Hoeppner, 48-23 in six seasons

at Miami takes over a team with 10 straight losing seasons.

"Can we win here? There is no doubt about it," Hoeppner said. 'We're going to build a championship football team here. That is no

Indiana fired Gerry DiNardo after ending a 3-8 season with a 63-24 loss to rival Purdue. DiNardo went 8-27 in three years. School president Adam Her-

bert said he expected Hoeppner to "reinvigorate" a football pro-gram that's also had a steep decline in attendance recently.

Indiana hasn't had a winning season since going 6-5 in 1994, crowds averaged 28,500 this season in 52,000-seat



William & Mary quarterback Lang Campbell, who was recognized as the top offensive player in Division I-AA on Thursday night, threw for 3,037 yards and 21 touchdowns, with just one interception, during the regular season. He also ran for 201 yards and seven touchdowns.

Memorial Stadium - down from about 35,000 the year before. Hoeppner, 57, grew up in the northeastern Indiana town of

Woodburn and coached high school football in Indiana before starting his college coaching career as defensive coordinator at Franklin College, his alma mater.

He was an assistant at Miami of Ohio for 13 years before becoming head coach in 1999. His 2003 team, led by current Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, went 13-1 and was ranked 10th in the final Associated Press poll. Miami went 8-4 this year. Hoep

dence Bowl on Dec. 28 UCLA's Dorrell gets two-year contract extension

LOS ANGELES - Second-vear UCLA coach Karl Dorrell's contract was extended for two years Friday, putting him under contract with the school through the 2010 season.

The Bruins (6-5) will face Wyo ming (6-5) in the Las Vegas Bowl on Thursday. They are 12-12 in two years under Dorrell, whose original contract was for six years Dorrell declined the offer of a

one-year rollover last January fol-lowing a 6-7 season. Dorrell succeeded Bob Toledo, who was fired after the 2002 season. The progress the program has

made under Karl's leadership is clearly evident," athletic director Dan Guerrero said in a statement issued by the school. "He has built a solid foundation

No charges filed against Cal receiver Gray

SAN FRANCISCO - The San Francisco Police Department decided to drop weapons charges against California receiver David Grav. who was arrested last week after a fight outside a nightclub.

"We're pleased that when the

police looked further into the incident, they chose to discharge Dayid's case," Golden Bears coach Jeff Tedford said Thursday. "From what we knew of the circumstances, that's the outcome we always had expected. Hopefully now, David and the team can put this unpleasant experience behind us

Tedford said Gray has rejoined the team and would return to practice Friday. The fourth-ranked Bears play Texas Tech in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 30.

I'm glad to be back with the team." Grav said. "I was never overly concerned because I knew the facts would eventually come

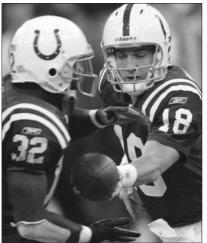
Grav has seen limited playing time for Cal. Hobbled by a foot injury, he played only one game this season, making one catch for 24 yards against Stanford.



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Indianapolis Colts quar terback Peyton Manning is three short of breaking Dan Marino's season record of 48 touchdown passes, but Manning has seen a change in the defenses he's throwing against. Last week. Texas held him to two TD passes by overguarding against the pass and forcing the run. Indianapolis won anyway. He expects more of a defensive mix when the Colts host Baltimore on Sunday. "I think some defensive coordinators feel we have to throw the ball." Manning said. "But I'll bore you to death by checking to the run. We'll do whatever it

takes to win.





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Manning, Colts face a big test

Playoff-hungry Ravens' defense presents QB's biggest challenge

BY MICHAEL MAROT

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS Manning can sense the changes. After throwing 46 touchdown passes, he sees defenses finally trying to mix it up with the India napolis Colts.

Last week against Houston, Manning threw two TDs in the first 12 minutes and didn't throw another all day as the Texans

dared them to win on the ground. On Sunday, Manning expects to face more complicated maneu-

vers from the Baltimore Ravens. "I think some defensive coordi-"I think some defensive coordi-nators feel we have to throw the ball," said Manning, last year's co-MVP. "But I'll bore you to death by checking to the run. We'll do whatever it takes to

The Colts (10-3) have proven their mettle by steamrolling defenses with mind-boggling precision and record-breaking numbers all season. They're hoping Sunday night is no different.

Manning needs three TD

passes to break Dan Marino's 20-year-old season record of 48.

Reggie Wayne, Brandon Stok-

ley and Marvin Harrison are closing in on 1,000-yard seasons and could become the first receiving trio to achieve that since the 1980 San Diego Chargers.

■ Stokley, who left Baltimore for the Colts, needs one more TD reception to give the Colts three receivers with 10 TD catches. which would be the first time that's happened in the NFL.

Edgerrin James leads the league in vards rushing, and if he wins his third rushing title, the four-year gap since his last one in 2000 would be the longest since the merger in 1970.

■ The offense also remains on pace to break Minnesota's scoring record (556 points), even after enduring its lowest output of the season (23) at Houston

Baltimore (8-5) knows it will take more than its usually staunch effort to slow Indianapo-

"They're in sync in a way that only the great offenses can be," Ravens coach Brian Billick said "They're fully dimensional, and they've taken it to another level."

Manning's quest for the touchdown record, football's version of

the home-run mark, has overshadowed the other accomplishments, and now he has a perfect stage to

rewrite history The game will be on national television, television, pitting Manning against one of the league's top defenses and the franchise that brought football back to Balti-more after the Colts left in 1984. Could the Colts ask for any-

thing more?
"We would like it to go away as soon as possible," coach Tony Dungy said of Manning's record chase. "I was hoping we could break it two weeks ago, so we could put it behind us. But it's something we're going to have to deal with until it does get bro-

On paper, it's a classic matchin between a high-scoring offense and an aggressive defense

For the Ravens, though, there's the focus on making the playoffs In a race for one of the AFC's two wild-card spots, they cannot afford another loss. The Ravens trail the New York Jets (9-4) by one game, are tied with Denver and lead Buffalo (7-6) and Jack-

sonville (7-6) by just one game. To keep pace, they must hold Manning & Co. in check.

"If you go into it trying to stop the record, then you're going into pose," linebacker Ray Lewis said. "Our purpose is to win a football

The Ravens are the biggest obstacle Indianapolis has faced this year. Of the 10 teams the Colts have played, only Jacksonville and New England rank among the top 15 in total defense. Baltimore is sixth overall, seventh against the pass, and has allowed just 10 TD throws and one touchdown longer than 20 yards.

Manning's preparation this week included film sessions watching his brother, Eli, get mauled by the Ravens and he thinks he knows what to expect "You watch, this will be a grind

for us Sunday," Manning said. "They've got great players and multiple schemes. They gave a rookie quarterback a lot of looks last week, and they're going to give me a lot of looks."

e last time the teams played in 2002, Manning was 30-for-40 for 284 vards with one TD and one interception.

Those are minimal numbers compared to what Manning has achieved this season. But against a defense that has already faced Trent Green, Donovan McNabb and Tom Brady this year, Manning believes the Ravens will test him too

"I'm telling you, it feels like it's getting harder," he said. "It was hard to throw two against Houston, and Baltimore's given up a whopping 10 all season. So when we get a chance to put it in the end zone, we've got to stick it in





New York Jets running back Curtis Martin (28) ranks second in the AFC in rushing with 1,377 yards. He has also scored 12 touchdowns

Jets tagged with label of bullying weaklings

By DAVE GOLDBERG The Associated Press

If the New York Jets were in the NFC, they probably would have clinched a playoff berth.

Instead, they still have a fight on their hands as they host Seattle, which has won two fewer games, but leads the NFC West.

As befitting the difference be tween the conferences, the Jets are favored by six points even though Chad Pennington is playing with an injured throwing shoulder. It showed last week in Pittsburgh, where he threw three interceptions in what might have been his worst game since he became a starter.

The Jets are 9-4 and lead the wild-card chase in the AFC. But they've lost to the best teams they've played; New England, Baltimore and Pittsburgh, as well as

to streaking Buffalo. "Against good teams we don't do anything," running back LaMont Jordan said. "People around here might not like me saving that, but that's just the truth. Against good teams, against winning teams, against good defenses we haven't done a thing."

Is Seattle good? Its defense is certainly snotty. although Michael Boulware intercepted a pass in the end zone to help seal a 27-23 victory at Minnesota last week. The Seahawks got lucky on that one - the pass was thrown by wide receiver Randy Moss, not quarterback Daunte

They could get lucky again. Giants Stadium is usually windy this time of year, which could accentuate Pennington's shoulder problems

On conference difference ...

IFTS, 24-20. Baltimore (plus 8) at Indianapolis: Tony Dungy wants Peyton Manning to get the TD pass record out of the way so the Colts

can concentrate on the playoffs. Not that easy against the Rayens. ... COLTS, 27-23.

Carolina (plus 3½) at Atlanta (Saturday): The Panthers, have won five straight to put themselves in position for an NFC wild-card spot. They are 1-8 at the Georgia Dome, but streaks end.... PANTHERS, 20-19.

New England (minus 91/2) at



Miami (Monday): Only two of the Dolphins' 11 losses are by more than 10 points, one of them by 14 in Foxboro Make it three PA. TRIOTS 20.7

Minnesota (minus 3) at Detroit: The only thing predictable about the Vikings is that they lose late in the season. ... LIONS, 22-20. Jacksonville (plus 3½) at

Green Bay: "We should feel good about this win, but we're not good enough to feel that good." Brett Favre said after the Packers edged Detroit last week. They're good enough for Jacksonville, though.... PACKERS, 16-14.

Pittsburgh (minus 10) at New York Giants (Saturday): The fans are all over the Giants for trading

draft picks for Eli when Ben was available STFFI FRS 27-2 Dallas (plus 12½) at Philadel-hia: The Eagles clinch phia: The Eagles clinch home-field advantage in the NFC

playoffs. ... EAGLES, 33-17. San Diego (minus 10) at Cleve-

land: The streak goes on. CHARGERS, 31-10 Buffalo (minus 11/2) at Cincin-

nati. Jon Kitna is a more than capable stand-in for Carson Palmer. But the Bills are hot and can run. RILLS, 31-23.

St. Louis (minus 3) at Arizona: Chris Chandler won't throw six interceptions, but ... CARDINALS.

Washington (minus 4) at San Francisco: The Redskins aren't the Cardinals. ... REDSKINS. 20-3.

Denver (plus 1) at Kansas City: With the Chiefs' offense, one Jake Plummer mistake could kill Denver's playoff hopes. He'll make at

least two... CHIEFS, 27-24.
New Orleans (plus 7½) at
Tampa Bay: Both teams should be out of the playoffs. But only the loser is. ... BUCS, 28-23.

Houston (plus 1) at Chicago: The AFC factor again. ... TEX-ANS. 18-15. Tennessee (plus 21/2) at Oak-

land: Billy Volek isn't bad. .. RAIDERS, 31-30. Last week: 5-11 (spread), 12-4

(straight up). 97-107-4 (spread),

137-71 (straight up).

Saban reportedly front-runner for Dolphins' head coaching job

The Associated Press

MIAMI - The Miami Dolphins will put their courtship of LSU coach Nick Saban on hold to comply with the NFL's hiring policy by interviewing a minority candi date, a team source told The Associated Press on Friday.

It could delay offering the job to Saban until next week, but he remains the front-runner to become the Dolphins' coach, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity

"There's a lot of mutual interest." the source said.

Louisiana State athletic director Skip Bertman said he believes the Dolphins are about to make an offer and Saban is interested

"I think an offer is very imminent," Bertman said in a telephone interview from Baton Rouge. "It's important for you to understand, he's not trying to leverage LSU.

This is a career decision. Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga and president Eddie Jones, an LSU graduate, flew to Baton Rouge on Tuesday to meet with Saban. He's expected to be offered a contract worth \$4 million to \$5 million a year with authority to shape football operations, which could lead to the departure of gen-eral manager Rick Spielman.

Jones has said the Dolphins will adhere to NFL hiring policy. Guidelines established in 2002 require teams to interview at least one minority candidate for coach ing vacancies

Assistant coaches on other teams are off limits for interviews

until the regular season ends Jan. 2. leaving the Dolphins with few potential minority candidates if they want to move quickly. Because uncertainty over Saban's status is sure to hurt LSU's recruiting, he's probably eager for a resolution soon.
NFL Hall of Famer Harry Car-

on, representing a group that advocates more minority hirings in the league, said he complained Friday about the Dolphins'

Pittsburgh Steelers owner Dan Rooney, chairman of the league's diversity committee. Carson said any interview with a minority candidate would now likely be viewed as a "courtesy interview ... because the Dolphins have al-

ready made up their mind." Carson said the team interviewed no minority candidates when Jimmy Johnson became coach in 1996 or when Dave Wannstedt was hired in 2000. Saban is the only coach the Dol-

phins have confirmed is a candidate. He has been considered the favorite for the job ever since Dave Wannstedt resigned last month when Miami was 1-8. Bertman said Saban has not

been interested in other NFL va "This one he's interested in,"

Bertman said. Bertman said he believes Saban is committed to coaching LSU in the Capital One Bowl on

Jan. 1 against Iowa. AP Sports Writer Mary Foster in New Orleans contributed to this report.

Rams QB Bulger will sit Sunday

ST. LOUIS - St. Louis Rams quarterback Marc Bulger still has soreness in his sprained right shoulder, making it unlikely that he will play Sun-

briefs

day against Ari-Bulger threw three days this week but not

Friday, saying afterward feel comfortable. The Rams (6-7) had been more opti-mistic earlier in the week but Bulger is sore and has trouble following through on throws.

Backup Chris Chandler is expected to make his second straight start.

I'm not where I need to be right now, I don't think," Bulger said. "It was important for Chris to get the reps since he hasn't had any all year. Getting reps, that's the main reason why you play well or you don't

There's urgency for Bulger to play. The Rams are one game be-hind Seattle in the NFC West with three games to go.

"We're hanging by a thread and you know your team needs you right now," Bulger said. "To ot be able to help, especially on the road, is tough

The 39-year-old Chandler threw a career-high six interceptions in

last week's loss to Carolina. "I don't dwell on that and we don't talk about it, really," coach Mike Martz said. "We've got to move on. We all go through that; whether it's a coach or a player, you experience that. He's a vet, he knows how to respond and he'll come back and play well

Chandler will have a better supporting cast this week because Marshall Faulk and Steven Jack son have recovered from sprained knees that kept them out of the last game. Martz said Faulk will make his first start in three games.

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, fol-lowed by team's prognosis.

Bills: OL Mike Williams (knee) probable.
Broncos: DL Luther Elliss (herniated disc) out for season.

Yikings: CB Antoine Winfield (ankle) will not play Sunday.

Falcons, Colts to play in Tokyo on Aug. 6

NEW YORK — The Atlanta Falcons and Indianapolis Colts will begin the exhibition season Aug. 6 in the American Bowl in Tokyo the 12th time an NFL game will

be played in the city. The last time the NFL went to Tokyo was 2003, when Tampa Bay heat the New York Jets 30-14 The NFL's American Bowl series of international games began

in 1986. Since then, 39 games have been played in 12 cities outside the United States Steelers WR Burress out:

RB Staley doubtful PITTSBURGH - Pittsburgh

Steelers wide receiver Plaxico Burress will sit out Saturday's game against the New York Giants, missing his fourth consecutive game because of a sore hamstring.

Burress, Pittsburgh's most reliable downfield receiver, ran patterns in practice this week and was optimistic about playing. But he was downgraded from ques-tionable to out Thursday after talking with trainer John Norwig.

"It's just a couple of things," Burress said, "When I'm running full speed and make a little move. I still feel it a little bit. So he said to me it would probably be best for me to sit out the game.

Burress thinks missing one more game should allow him to play Dec. 26 against Baltimore. The Steelers (12-1), trying for a club-record 12th consecutive victory, also might be without running

who missed practice Wednesday and Thursday. He's listed as doubtful, meaning there is only a 25 percent chance he will play

McNair to miss rest of season

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair will miss the final three games of the season and undergo surgery to strengthen the bruised ster num that has plagued him most of

Coach Jeff Fisher said the two reached the decision Friday.

Fisher said a chief consideration is that McNair, the NFL's co-MVP last season, will need the surgery even if he never plays football again to fix the damage caused by three injuries to his sternum

McNair, who has missed five games this season for the struggling Titans (4-9), talked to reporters Friday for the first time since Dec. 1, when he refused to back off comments that he would consider quitting football in the off-

McNair said he wants "to be able to come back and play with this team again.

Doctors expect McNair to recover fairly quickly, and Fisher said he could be lifting weights and doing conditioning work about six weeks after surgery.

Plummer fined \$5,000

DENVER - Denver Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer was fined \$5,000 by the NFL on Friday for making an obscene ges-ture during last week's home game against Miami.

Plummer and coach Mike Sha nahan refused to comment.

Plummer apologized after the game, then again during interviews Wednesday, admitted he wasn't perfect and promised he'd not make the mistake again.

Temple coach Chaney has staying power

es Temple against Princeton on

Monday, he will become the 19th

Division I coach to reach 1,000

games and the fifth active one,

joining Lou Henson, Bob Knight,

Eddie Sutton, Lute Olson and

"I think it's a number that's re-

ally kind of inconceivable to me.

said Saint Joseph's coach Phil

Martelli, who is in his 10th sea-

Mike Krzyzewski.

Facing 1,000th game, he's still a fiery presence

BY DAN GELSTON The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA John Chaney barely had time to savor one of his earliest games back in 1972 when an indignant fan abruptly remarked he wasn't too happy to have the rookie coach

"I told him, 'Well, I'm going to be here for a long time so you better get used to me," " Chaney recalled with a laugh

Sure enough, Chaney is still raising hell on the sidelines 32 years after his college coaching debut with Division II Cheyney State in suburban Philadelphia. Chaney eventually moved on to Temple, but not much else has changed for the Hall of Famer.

From threatening opposing coaches to giving a ref an earful in his loud, booming voice, to reaching out to another underprivileged kid, Chaney has remained steady as ever through 999 games.

Chaney still seems restless and cranky, and his nattily attire is usually in shambles after a game.

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After 999 games, Temple coach John Chaney has lost none of his competitive fire. Above, he shares some with point guard Mardy Collins.

Chaney approaches his 1,000th career game, he knows his time on Temple sideline is nearing an end. But don't go planning that retirement party just

"I would like to stay as long as I can, as long as my health is good and as long as the kids keep listen-ing to me," said Chaney, who turns 73 in January.

When Chaney (711-288) coach-

hands around. Chaney, whose deep, dark eyes seem fitting for a school whose mascot is an owl, was amazed he's lasted so long.

"I've never given it any thought," Chaney said. "It surprised me when they told me I accomplished 700 wins.

John Chaney, it's hard to put your

Chaney said that, although the games tend to run together, it's the people, the experiences and the stories that stand out.

"I can't remember all of their names, but sooner or later it comes back to me," he said.

Soon, Chaney is off on another story, this one about cooking eggs for his players at Cheyney State because a flu epidemic had them quarantined. When Chaney tells how the eggs turned a Dr. Suess-like green, he bursts into a fit of uncontrollable cackling.

Chaney dabbled as play-er-coach toward the end of his career in the Eastern Basketball League, then started full time at Philadelphia's Sayre Junior High (1963-66) and Simon Gratz High

When Cheyney State came calling in 1972, Chaney was torn. Chaney, though, was convinced

he could affect more lives on the college level. Chaney had more concerns when he considered the Temple vacancy in 1982

"I was very apprehensive," he said. "I was happy with where I

was. I always believed that success comes when you're very happy with what you do."

Chaney had little to worry about after 10 season at Cheyney. He was 225-59 and won the

NCAA Division II title in 1978 with the Wolves. Chaney has experienced so much success that he has quite a list of prolific games to choose from for his most memorable.

His first game was a 68-58 loss to East Stroudsburg. His first victory came in the next game, on Dec. 5, 1972, an 82-67 defeat of Monmouth.

Chaney's favorite was Chey-ney's 47-40 victory over Wisconsin-Green Bay in the 1978 Division II title game.

"Without question the national championship game at Cheyney in '78 stands out the most," he said. "And my first time here getting into the NCAAs stands out. How exciting it was for all the students

After a losing record his first season at Temple, Chaney took the Owls to the NCAA tournament 17 times in 18 years. Before his arrival, the Owls had never played in consecutive tournaments

Chaney has led the Owls 21 straight postseason appearances, including five appearances in the NCAA tournament regional finals (1988 1991 1993 1999 and 2001)

Still, a Final Four berth remains the one void in his career.

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Bryant, Lakers humble Kings at Arco Arena

By GREG BEACHAM The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Kobe Bryant discussed it with assistant coach Frank Hamblen in the closing minutes. Not even the two longest-tenured people on the Lakers' bench could remember ever beating the Sacramento Kings with such force and flair.

Bryant had 31 points and 12 assists, Lamar Odom scored 22 points and Los Angeles added more fuel to its biggest rivalry by handing Sacramento its worst home loss in nearly seven years, 115-99 on Thursday night.

Brian Cook hit four of the Lakers' 12 three-pointers in a building where Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal enjoyed some of their greatest playoff triumphs during the last six seasons. With Shace gone to Miami, the Lakers still handed Sacramento its worst loss at Arco Arena since a 116-95 de feat to San Antonio on March 2,

The Lakers ran away in the second half, outscoring Sacramento 37-22 in the third quarter with 16 points from Bryant. They kept up their up-tempo assault until the final minutes, when Kings coach Rick Adelman furiously pulled his starters with nearly 5 minutes

"We really just jumped on them," Bryant said. "It's big. We have yet to beat such a top opponent like Sacramento. We've been in position to win these types of ballgames, and we just haven't closed them out. This is a good step for us.'

Chris Webber and Bobby Jackson scored 20 points apiece for the Kings, whose starters left the game in embarrassed indignation. It was just Sacramento's third loss in 17 games — but few defeats in recent years have stung more.

"We weren't doing anything that was going to get us into the game," Adelman said. "They're a team that gives us problems because of matchups, but they're not that good. This was hopefully a wakeup call, because they han dled us

Sacramento's deficiencies in defensive tenacity and offensive patience were exposed in just its second home loss of the season.

Brad Miller scored only six points in 38 minutes, and Peja Stojakovic was ineffective despite getting 16 points.

"It was a great team win, probably a milestone for us," Lakers coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. 'Now we've got something we talk about - winning on the road - and we have something to look back on

From the cultural poles of California, Los Angeles and Sacra mento battled atop the Pacific Division standings for the better part of a decade, trading verbal jabs and actual punches along with baskets in countless memorable games and playoff series.

But after the Lakers were rebuilt in the offseason to defuse the growing feud between Shao and Kobe, Webber pronounced one of the NBA's better rivalries dead - even though Vlade Divac, perhaps the most beloved player

in Sacramento's renaissance, defected back to Los Angeles for a \$4.9 million contract. Webber's prediction seems a

bit premature. Sacramento pulled out an entertaining 109-106 victory at Staples Center last month - and in the rematch the Lakers handed the Kings their most humbling home defeat during Adelman's seven seasons.

Bryant was greeted with his usual showers of boos, and the Kings went after him with double-teams. He still showed brilliance: a two-handed reverse dunk, an awkward scoon shot being fouled and a four-point play in the third quarter, hitting a three-pointer while Doug Christie clipped his elbow.

e Lakers exploited the big gest flaws in the Kings' defense: poor rotation to open shooters and an utter inability to stop dribble penetration. Odom blew by Webber atop the key on several possessions, while Tierre Brown, Chucky Atkins and the rest of the Lakers' guards drove the lane almost at will. Brown scored 13 points in the fourth



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant. left, goes in for a layup against Sacramento Kings' Doug Christie during the first quarter in Sacramento, Calif., on Thursday, Bryant had 31 points and 12 assists in the Lakers' 115.99 victory

Pistons shut down James, Cavs

James' night when he shot

two airballs on

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Richard Hamilton scored 21 points and the Detroit Pistons held Cleveland to a six-point third quarter and almost held LeBron James scoreless in the second half in an 81-69 victory Thursday

NBA roundup

posses sion in the first quarter. He finished with 11 points on 4-for-21 shooting, eight rebounds

and seven assists After making a fadeaway jumpthe first half. James didn't score again until there was 2:12 left in the game. James scored a career high 43 points the last time he faced the Pistons, a 92-76 victory on Nov. 28 in Cleveland.

Bulls 85. Bucks 77: At Chicago. Kirk Hinrich scored 28 points. and the Bulls won two in a row for the first time this season.

NBA scoreboard

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Shaq, Yao lead early All-Star voting The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Shaquille O'Neal leads his new conference in early All-Star Game voting, while Yao Ming is No. 1 overall in the NBA

O'Neal, traded from the Los Angeles Lakers to the Miami Heat in the offseason tons the Eastern Conference with 854,930 votes as of Thursday. Yao, the center for the Western Conference's Houston Rockets, is the only player with more votes (881,223).

Fans can vote through Jan. 23, and All-Star starters will be an nounced Feb. 3. The game is Feb. 20 in Denver

Minnesota's Kevin Garnett, the reigning league MVP, is third overall, leading West forwards with 751,586 votes, followed by San Antonio's Tim Duncan with 570.090

Yao's teammate Tracy McGrady (680,373) is the top guard in the West, trailed by the Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant (673,665).



In the East, Toronto's Vince Carter (619,959) and Orlando's Grant Hill (552,328) lead the forwards, while Cleveland's LeBron James (557,538) and Philadel-phia's Allen Iverson (521,245) top the guards.

Snow sent away from Cavaliers' bench

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. Cleveland point guard Eric Snow was sent to the locker room after getting in an argument on the bench with Cavaliers coach Paul Silas in the second quarter against Detroit on Thursday

Snow returned to the bench after halftime, but did not play in the second half.

Silas was upset with Snow because the Cavaliers turned the ball over on an eight-second viola-

"Nobody was open," Snow shouted back at Silas

Silas then took Snow out of the game and after a heated conversation, he gestured to Snow to get off the bench. Snow walked off the court with teammate Scott Williams and Robert Traylor. "I am not going to discuss that,"

Silas said after the game. Snow also declined comment. The Cavaliers suspended for

ward Ira Newble last season for one game because of a profanity-laced argument with Silas.

Bucks put Strickland on injured list

MILWAUKEE - Milwaukee Bucks guard Erick Strickland will miss at least two weeks after eing placed on the injured list Thursday with a torn lateral meniscus in his right knee.

Strickland has appeared in 16 games for the Bucks and is averaging 4.3 points, two rebounds and 2.2 assists.

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Beltre, Mariners reach 5-year, \$64M deal

The Associated Pres

NEW YORK — Prized free agent Adrian Beltre and the Seattle Mariners agreed to a \$64 million, five-year deal Thursday, The Associated Press learned.

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Beltre's contract is subject to him passing a physical, a person close to the third baseman said, speaking on condition of anonymi-

The deal could be announced as early as Friday. Seattle did not



comment on the agreement. A day earlier, the Mariners added another slugger

by finalizing a \$50 million, four-year contract with free-agent first baseman Richie Sexson.

Seattle finished a distant last in the AL West, going 63-99 for their worst record since 1983. The Mariners were last in the league with only 136 homers and 698 runs.

Beltre, 25, led the majors with 48 home runs for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He hit .334 with 121 RBIs, and finished second behind Barry Bonds in the NL MVP vot-

Beltre also improved on defense last season, committing only 10 errors.

The Dodgers wanted to keep Beltre and offered him salary arbitration. But Los Angeles recently gave itself some protection, signing free-agent Jeff Kent and saying that he could play third base, along with his usual spot at second.

"We're disappointed. It hurts," Dodgers General Manager Paul DePodesta said. "Obviously, we would have loved to have him

"I think all of us knew this certainly was a possibility. We felike we stepped up and made a very competitive offer, actually tried to make it a compelling one by offering a sixth guaranteed year. Unfortunately for us, Adrian decided to go elsewhere."

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Adrian Beltre and the Seattle Mariners reportedly agreed to a \$64 million, five-year deal on Thursday, Beltre must pass a physical first.

son, and figured to cash in after a career year in which he led the Dodgers to the NL West division title and their first postseason spot since 1988.

DePodesta said the Dodgers' six-year offer to Beltre and agent Scott Boras included an option for a seventh season.

When asked if the Dodgers were given a final say in the matter, DePodesta said: "Not in so many words. They didn't come back and say if you can do this,

he's coming back."
"Scott did have a sense of urgency, we did try to step up to that.
That really wasn't he forum. But
then again, I'm not blaming Scott
for that, either. Everything he did
in this process was above board.
There's no villain here," he said.
'At the end of the day, Seattle

stepped up and made a great offer. We had multiple meetings, face-to-face meetings."

Beltre became a free agent after the season, filing on the same day he had arthroscopic surgery to remove two large bone spurs from his left ankle.

Beltre made his major league debut in 1998 at 19. He had posted career highs of 23 home runs, 85 RBIs and a .290 batting average before breaking loose this season

Red Sox sign All-Star Renteria for four years

BOSTON — Edgar Renteria passed a physical and signed a four-year contract with the Boston Red Sox on Friday, bringing the All-Star shortstop to the World Series champions one day

after they officially lost ace pitc er Pedro Martinez.

The Red Sox announced Renteria's reported \$40 million deal during a news conference at Fenway Park barely 24 hours after their former ace right-hander was introduced by the New York Mets, who signed Martinez to a

four-year, SS3 million contract.
Renteria looms as the long-term replacement for Nomar Garciaparra, another Red Sox star who was traded July 31 to the Chicago Cubs. Boston received shortstop Orlando Cabrera in that deal and he helped the team win the World Series. But even he said Renteria, a fellow Colombian, is a better player.

Renteria's agreement includes a team option for 2009, when he will be 34.

"Edgar Renteria has proven himself to be not only one of the best shortstops in baseball, but one of the most complete all-around players in the game," Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein said. "His blend of speed, power, defense, durability and leadership makes him a terrific addition to the ballclub."

In nine seasons — three with Florida and six with St. Louis — Renteria has won two Gold Gloves and been on four All-Star

His career batting average is 289 and he's stolen 237 bases. Last season he hit .287 with 10 homers and 72 RBIs. His best season was 2003 when he hit .330 with 13 homers and 100 RBIs with 34 stolen bases.

The Red Sox still were trying to improve their pitching rotation after losing Martinez and showing little interest in retaining free agent Derek Lowe. On Wednesday, they signed left-hander David Wells to a two-year, \$8 million contract that would be worth \$18 million if he reaches all his incentives.

Epstein said during the winter meetings in Anaheim this month that Martinez would not necessarily be replaced by a pitcher who would cost as much as he would. Boston offered Martinez a three-year, \$40.5 million deal.

"We will redeploy the money that would've been spent," Red Sox President Larry Lucchino said Tuesday after Martinez chose the Mets. "That's a considerable amount of resources to redeploy."

In Game 4 of the World Series, Renteria made the last out of Boston's sweep on a grounder to pitcher Keith Foulke that gave the Red Sox their first title since 1918. But in 1997, Renteria got the game-winning single in the 11th inning of Game 7 against Cleveland that gave Florida its first World Series title.

Morales officially an Angel

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Highly touted Cuban prospect Kendry Morales is officially a member of the Anaheim Angels.

The Angels announced two weeks ago they had agreed to terms of a six-year contract with Morales, conditional upon the 21-year-old switch hitter receiving clearance from the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control.

That came Thursday, when Morales received a license from the OFAC, clearing him to work in the United States. He defected from Cuba in June, and now lives in the Dominican Republic.

The Angels added Morales to their 40-man roster and designated right-hander Bobby Jenks for assignment. Jenks, the Angels' fifth-round pick in 2000, only made three appearances for Triple-A Salt Lake last year before being shut down in June with elbow problems.

Morales plays first base, third base and the outfield. He was the first baseman and cleanup hitter for Cuba at the 2003 World Cup in Havana, and his grand slam helped the Cubans beat Taiwan 6-3 in the finals.

The Angels were able to sign Morales because a Cuban player who acquires residency in a third country is eligible for free agent status.

Martinez: 'I'm way over Schilling as a pitcher'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pedro Martinez says he told Red Sox management he didn't want to be in the shadow of fellow ace Curt Schilling. He also hopes his new team, the New York Mets, will sign his former Boston battery-mate, Jason Varitek.

In an interview with the Boston Herald, Martinez criticized the negotiating tactics of Red Sox officials, saying he repeatedly got mixed signals from team president Larry Lucchino, owner John Henry and General Manager Theo Epstein, whom he called "arrogant."

Martinez signed a four-year, SS3 million contract with the Mets this week. He said he left the Red Sox after seven years partly because he didn't want to be second in the starting rotation behind Schilling, who was acquired last offseason and helped lead the team to its first World Series champion-



Martinez

"I told [Henry], 'You want to sign me, get it done. Please force them to get it done. I'm willing to stay here. Negotiate with them. I just don't want to be under Schilling,' " Martinez said.

He also said he deserved a better deal than Schilling

than Schilling.

"Schilling is 38, I'm only 33," he said.
"The fact that I had an off-year doesn't mean that I can be below Schilling. Still, with an off-year, I'm way over Schilling as a pitcher and I've pitched pretty much like Schilling the last few years, if you're going to talk about durability."

Red Sox officials did not immediately return a call seeking comment. Asked what other free agents he thought Boston would sign, Martinez said "they'll be stupid not to do Varitek. Varitek is the next one gone. Theo's going to have the biggest problem with him."

Epstein has said signing Varitek is one of his offseason priorities. The catcher is reportedly seeking a five-year contract worth more than \$50 million, with a no-trade clause.

"I hope he is gone," Martinez said of Varitek. "I hope 'Tek is on my team."

Asked whether that meant he wanted to get rid of current Mets catcher Mike Piazza, Martinez said, "I do want Piazza, too. Piazza is a good hitter. We can move him to first or somewhere. ... I want Tek. "Tek is a good player, a good catcher."

He also said Epstein and Lucchino "weren't getting along in negotiations. Lucchino would say one thing and Theo ould show up with another.'

He said Epstein treated his agent, Fernando Cuza, poorly during negotiations.

"Theo got really arrogant on Fernando and I didn't appreciate it," Martinez said. "Theo believed that he had me and wasn't the nicest man communicating with Fernando."

He said Red Sox manager Terry Francona played little role in managing the team, taking his cues from the team's front of-

"Francona is subject to what they decide," Martinez said. "Francona had no say, like he didn't have any say in managing the team. He was manipulated from upstairs."

Asked for evidence to back that assertion, he said, "I was in the clubhouse, that's how I know."

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LSU's Saban is reportedly the top candidate for Miami's head coaching job. Page 44 R



Big pitch for Big Unit

Yankees' deal would also involve Vazquez, Dodgers' Green

BY BEN WALKER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - After so many missed tries, the New York Yankees might really have a trade for Randy Johnson.

The Arizona ace was on the verge of joining the Yankees in a three-team megadeal that also includes Shawn Green and Javier Vazquez, sources told The Associated Press on Thursday night.

Green would go from Los Angeles to Arizona, and Vazquez would move from the Vankees to the Dodgers in the trade that would put Johnson in Yankee pinstripes.

"It is going to happen," a source familiar with the negotiations said on the condition of anonymity. Another team source said the principals were in place for the trade to be completed.

There was no confirmation from any of the teams that a deal was finalized. And one source said it still could fall apart because so many players and clubs were in-

Another element that could get in the way: With the Dodgers losing free agent Adrian Beltre to Seattle, they may not be so eager to trade away a power hitter

Newsday and Fox Sports, which first renorted the deal on their Web sites said the other players were Dodgers pitchers Brad Penny and Yhency Brazoban, and Yankees top prospects Eric Duncan and Dioner Na-

"We're still in conversations with a lot of different clubs about a lot of different poss bilities," Dodgers General Manager Paul DePodesta said earlier in the day, "We have talked about some three-way deals and some four-way deals. I don't know if it's going to happen or not."

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner has long coveted Johnson, still one of baseball's most dominating pitchers at 41. New York was not able to pry the Big Unit from the Diamond backs last summer and called off trade talks with them two weeks ago, saving the price was too high.

But the Yankees and Arizona reopened discussions this week for the five-time Cv Young winner. Johnson has a no-trade clause, but had said he would accept a deal to the Yankees.

New York already has added free agent Carl Payano to its rotation this offseason aiming to improve a team that blew a 3-0 lead against Boston in the AL champion-

ship series. The Yankees also have reached a deal with Jaret Wright, while the Red Sox have signed David Wells but lost

Green also has a no-trade clause. The outfielder would go with Penny and Brazoban to Arizona while Navarro, a catcher, and Duncan, a third baseman, would go to the Dodgers

Johnson had his best years with the Diamondbacks, winning the NL Cy Young Award his first four seasons with them. When Curt Schilling was traded to Arizona from Philadelphia, he and Johnson formed perhaps the most imposing righty-lefty combination the game has known.

Schilling and Johnson were co-MVPs of the 2001 World Series, when Arizona beat the Yankees in seven thrilling games.

Johnson underwent knee surgery during the 2003 season but came back for what might have been his best vear with the DiThe moves

■ Dodgers send outfielder Shawn Green, pitchers Brad Penny and Yhen-cy Brazoban to Arizona Diamond-

■ Arizona would trade pitcher Randy Johnson to New York Yankees;

■ New York Yankees would give pitcher Javier Vazquez, third baseman Eric Duncan, and catcher Dioner Navar-

amondbacks in 2004

On a team that lost 111 games, Johnson was second in the majors with a 2.60 ERA. He led the majors in strikeouts (290) for the ninth time and sixth time in the last

Johnson was 16-14, but 13-2 when the anemic Arizona offense scored more than two runs for him. Along the way, he pitched a perfect game against Atlanta.

Vazquez, 28, was 14-10 with a 4.91 ERA in his first season with the Yankees, and was picked for the American League All-Star team. He was 1-0 with a 9.53 ERA in three games in the postseason, and the Yankees always put a premium on Octo-

ber performances. Green 31 has a 282 career average, but dipped to .266 last season with 28 home and 86 RBIs.

Penny, 26, was traded from Florida to the Dodgers last July 30, but saw limited action for Los Angeles because of a problem in his right arm. He was 9-10 with a 3.15 ERA for both

Brazoban, 24, made his major league debut this season with Dodgers, going 6-2 with a 2.48 ERA.

Navarro also made his big league debut this year. He was considered, along with Duncan, among the top prospects in the Yankees' sys-

Associated Press sports writers Bob Baum in Phoenix, Josh Dubow in San Francisco and John Nadel in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

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Temple's **Chanev not** slowing down as he nears 1,000th Division I game

Arizona Diamondbacks'

New York Yankees.

Randy Johnson is reportedly

the central figure in a three-team

trade that would send him to the



NHL players' association calls owners' financial claims 'ridiculous'

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